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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Forty-second Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon on Wednesday, June 13th, A.D. 1917, A.L. 5917.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), Winnipeg	Grand Master
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R.W. Bro. Andrew S. Argue (70), Roland	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John R. Hume (94), Grandview	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12), Stonewall	D.D.G.M.
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R.W. Bro. Benjamin B. Halladay (10), Winnipeg	As Grand Junior Warden
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V.W. Bro. John J. Jackson (1), Winnipeg	As Grand Registrar
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V.W. Bro. Joseph Mills (25), Winnipeg	Grand Junior Deacon
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V.W. Bro. Edward J. Hicks (118), Pilot Mound	Grand Steward
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OPENING

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve (12), Past Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business was taken as read.

On motion of M.W. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. James D. Baine (36), the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Forty-First Annual Communication held in the City of Winnipeg, on the 14th and 15th days of June, 1916, were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The M.W. the Grand Master then read his address as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

It is my great privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the Forty-Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and to express the hope that you may derive refreshment for the mind and exaltation of the spirit from your duties here.

Coming as you do by personal choice and at your own expense, it is not seemly for me to emphasise unduly those duties to which I have referred, your presence here being a most obvious acceptance of them, yet, I should be derelict in my own duty to the Craft, were I to fail to admonish you that the times in which we live are a sore trial to Masonry, as to every other expression of Democracy. Bear in mind, therefore, your responsibility to your Masonic posterity, and legislate with the future as well as the past in your mental view, cherish the high and simple wisdom of the fraternity, as derived from those who have gone before, but use it to the utmost for the sake of those who are to follow.

There are many matters to which your attention will be called in due course: there is one that asserts priority, the expression of our reverence for the memory of our brethren who have passed over before us. Every brother who has been present at previous communications will recall the slight form, the quiet manner, the gentle voice, the keen mind, the great soul of our brother, James Edward Maynard, who was called from his sleep into eternal rest, Wednesday, March 7th last. In his eighty-seventh year he entertained no thought of claiming exemption from his Masonic duties. He held in union the spirit of a boy, the gentle heart of a good woman, the keen mentality of a mature man, and the serene wisdom of one who walked with God. His life showed that the Masonic ideal of a man is not unattainable, and that the striving for it strengthens body, soul, and spirit.

Since the last communication of Grand Lodge we have lost by reason of the war fifty-one brethren, who have vindicated the principles of Masonry by giving their lives. To those who mourn for these dear brethren we extend our arms in sympathy and assistance, the circle of our Masonic duties encloses them, and the living brethren will not forget the debt they owe to their dead comrades. With the brethren, and they are many, who mourn the loss of sons and brothers, we mourn, and grieve that we can not lighten their sorrow.

For all, whether of the Craft or not, who have given their lives for the advancement of our ideals of mercy and justice, we pray they may receive the reward of the righteous. No words can do justice to these men, no words can express what we owe them.

Katherine Lee Bates suggests a glorious memorial to them in her poem "To Canada," published in the New York Sun last year:

"Seek not your lost beneath the tortured sod
Of France and Flanders, where in desperate strife
They battled greatly for the cause of God;
But when above the snow your heavens are rife
With those upleaping lustres, find them there,
Ardors of sacrifice, celestial sign,
Aureole your Angel shall forever wear,
Praising the irresistible Divine."

Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg Oration is the finest modern attempt to state in words the debt of the free peoples to their soldier dead, and is no doubt responsible for the spirit and form of the following editorial which appeared in a leading Winnipeg newspaper in April last when the heavy casualty lists were coming in after the battle of Vimy Ridge. I read it to you without apology for it is vibrant with the spirit of Masonic teaching and is immeasurably better than anything I could write:

OUR CANADIAN DEAD

"To thousands of Canadian homes the wires are bearing sorrowful tidings from the front. Each day the long lists lengthen. It seems, and it is, a senseless slaughter of young lives that the world must miss; but it is not our seeking, the blood-guilt rests on none of the Allies. At the call of duty, at the demand of patriotism, our boys went forth fully realising the sacrifice they must be prepared to make. They fought no despot's battle; no lust of conquest ran in their minds. They died as soldiers but were no followers of the bloody trade of arms.

"Rather as citizens in defence of the liberties and freedom won by they sires, as patriots defending the honor of their country, as knights sworn to avenge wrongs; to repel a ruthless invader, a fiendish military clan, a despotic power that would have enslaved the world, they took up arms, fought their fight, and died that WE might be free."

"Heroes of democracy, citizen soldiers, many of whom had never used a rifle three years ago, they have stormed the strongholds of a military race, carried the flag of Canada to the objective their leaders set them, and shown that they could die nobly in a great cause."

"To us it remains, first, to fill the gaps in the ranks which they have left, that their sacrifices may not be in vain; secondly, to see in after years that the principles they fought for shall be maintained, and that no more petty autocrats, or military caste, either in our own or any other country, shall have the power again to bleed the nations and prepare for war."

"Our boys have died as a protest against all the false standards which have so long made the nations an armed camp, of sweltering slaves. They will have died in vain; first, if the fight does not go on to a victory which is beyond question; secondly, if the peace which is made is a small peace; thirdly, if militarism does not receive its death-blow, no matter who tries to becloud the issue, or wantonly call upon our illustrious dead in favor of keeping the nations in arms, according to the gospel of preparedness which is the gospel of distrust and hate."

"Our Canadian dead are heroes, to whom the fuller sight has now been given and for whom the trumpets have sounded on the other side. The best message we can take them when our time comes, is that they did not die in vain, and that their blood helped to redeem the world from the sin and stain of war."

"And truly he who here
Hath run his bright career,
And served men nobly and acceptance found,
And borne to right and light his witness high,
What could he better wish than then to die,
And wait the issue sleeping underground?"

To our Brethren at the Front go our best wishes for their welfare and safety. We trust the terrible experience of war may not weaken their faith in the Most High, nor harden their hearts to the humane precepts of our Craft.

It is known to you all that the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England will be celebrated on Saint John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, and the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the Dominion of Canada on July 1st, 1917.

These are notable dates and should be linked in our minds, as both mark distinct advances in the march of Democracy. The Grand Lodge of England was founded in a period of moral reconstruction to harmonize conflicting religious beliefs and political opinions, and thereby to unite men for the immense task of improving the deplorable social conditions of those days. How great has been its service to humanity we can surmise but cannot estimate for lack of complete data.

Its influence has extended to all the habitable globe and while its principles of action have remained sincerely conservative but not the less useful in the geographical area and among the people to whom it has confined itself, its descendant grand lodges have sometimes been under the necessity of interpreting more literally, and applying more directly, the precepts of the Ancient Charges inculcating the rights of the individual to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As an expression of amity I have no doubt this Grand Lodge will extend its felicitations to the Grand Lodge of England on the occasion mentioned.

The federation of the Canadian Provinces into the Dominion of Canada is closer to us in purpose and in time, as individuals, than the foundation of the Grand Lodge of England, and we have a more personal sense of possession in it. We have each a part to play in the training of this lusty young giant among the nations and we propose to carry on. It was a tolerant spirit, a principle of compromise that gave a basis of union for the divergent political and religious views in this country of the two great modern races pioneering together" in the enchanted ground of the New World," and it is this spirit we must seek to perpetuate if we are to make a united nation. Masonry, holding tenaciously to truth possessed yet ever seeking more and greater truth, has a function to perform in this new country; her duty is to remind the individual Mason of the old fundamentals; "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart; so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

Thus instructed by Masonry, your voice in the councils of your nation will be ever on the side of justice and truth, and your votes will give effect to your opinions. If you believe the principles enunciated should not apply to public questions I pray you to withdraw from Masonry and leave it to those who do so believe.

I have now to direct your attention to matters more closely relating to Grand Lodge organization and work, in particular, the advisability of making more flexible the connection between the Board of General Purposes and certain committees. One of these committees, that on Benevolence, has become of primary importance owing to increased responsibility placed on it by Grand Lodge, and the members consider that the committee should report to the Board of General Purposes at its regular meetings, as well as to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. They feel the Board should share the responsibility of their work and it would appear their view is based on sound judgment. Another important committee, that on the Condition of Freemasonry, is especially unfortunate in having to work under the present method, because the material for the report is often delayed, and a heavy duty is laid on the compiler, who is forced to work under extreme pressure to complete his report in time. I would recommend that the District Deputy Grand Masters be asked to report to this committee at intervals of three months throughout the year, so the committee will be informed of the condition of Masonry in their districts, and will be able to tabulate facts in partial preparation for the annual report to Grand Lodge. I would also recommend that these brethren who are selected for the important position of District Deputy Grand Masters do all in their power to aid the committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, the members of which have, in my opinion, if not the most onerous duties of any committee, at any rate the most vexing and perplexing ones, since they have to depend for their material on the reports of other men, and have to, acquire by intensive study the significance of each.

Several times during the past year questions were asked in regard to Masonic insurance, and I take this opportunity of stating to new members who are possibly not fully informed in such matters, that this Grand Lodge has no relations with any insurance organization whatsoever, and while insurance may be classified as a manifestation of the cardinal virtue of Prudence no duty to insure his life is assumed by a man on joining a lodge.

On April 23rd last, I addressed a general letter to the brethren on Masonic charity, a matter of steadily increasing importance, and one that will ever be urgent in its demands on our consideration. I urge you to master this problem by making adequate provision for all reasonable calls on your charity, that you may be free to utilize your full strength along other lines of action for the good of the people.

Dispensations were issued in limited number and for the usual reasons; none was of sufficient importance to require special mention; the particulars will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

District meetings were held at the following centres and on the dates given. I had the great pleasure of being present at all of them, and of receiving very great courtesy from the brethren. In no settled country is the difficulty of holding meetings greater than in Manitoba at certain seasons, and the attendance at district meetings speaks well for the interest of our members. I trust that as our facilities for Masonic study and discussion increase, more and still more brethren will be encouraged to attend these district meetings and take part in the business. The meetings should be educational in the broadest sense, and can be made so only by careful attention to plans and organization.

The selection of subjects for discussion and the allotment of them to certain brethren for study and presentation, should be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master. The very great advantage of open discussion in a district meeting is freedom from the rigid application of the rules governing discussion in lodges.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Gladstone, Thursday, November 2nd, 1916.
Cypress River, Friday, October 27th, 1916.
Killarney, Wednesday, November 8th, 1916.
Shoal Lake, Friday, November 3rd, 1916.
Hartney, Thursday, October 26th, 1916.
Oak Lake, Wednesday, October 25th, 1916.
Gretna, Wednesday, October 11th, 1916.

I made official visits to the following lodges:

Tweed, No. 113, Brandon, June 20th, 1916.
Northern Light, No. 10, Winnipeg, March 15th, 1917.
St. John's, No. 4, Winnipeg, April 4th.
Ancient Landmark, No. 3, April 16th.
Prince Rupert's, No. 1 and Acacia, No. 111, Winnipeg, April 17th.
King Edward, No. 93, Winnipeg, April 18th.
"The Assiniboine," No. 114, Winnipeg, May 1st.

Transcona, No. 123, Transcona, May 4th.
Ionic, No. 25, Winnipeg, May 7th.
St. James, No. 121, St. James, May 9th.
Norwood, No. 119, St. Boniface, May 10th.

I also visited, unofficially, a number of lodge meetings and was present at a considerable number of other meetings of a Masonic nature which it is not necessary to particularize.

The Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother James A. Ovas, accompanied me in all except two, of my visits to district meetings. I am very much indebted to the Most Worshipful Brother for his valuable assistance during the year. His knowledge of the affairs of the Grand Lodge in all their details is unrivalled, his readiness to assist the brethren in all their difficulties is unqualified, and his courtesy is unfailing. Many other brethren on request have tendered that advice and assistance, without which, no grand master can discharge the duties of his high office. Without minimizing my indebtedness to others I wish to mention in particular, Most Worshipful Brother Edward M. Walker, P.G.M., Right Worshipful Brother Percy E. Kellett, D.G.M., and Right Worshipful Brother Alexander McIntyre, G.J.W. who have been through close association in Masonic duty, readily available at all times as wise counsellors. And now, brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, permit me to express that very small part of my vast obligation to you that I am capable of stating in words. Among free men there is no office more honored than that of Grand Master of Masons. Few are the men who attain it, and they solely by the favor of their brethren, since none can claim it as his right. A grand master is first among equals, and should never forget that each vote given for him is a renunciation by another brother of his own chances for the office, and an abridgement of his expectations for the future. It is with such knowledge that I thank you for the exceedingly great honor you have given me in election to the exalted office of Grand Master of Manitoba, and for the kindness I have received in the discharge of my duties. I feel that no service of mine can ever release me from the obligation I am under to do my best for Masonry.

I cannot close without discussing at some length the future relationship of Masonry to the public. Three years ago such stated intention on the part of a speaker would have been silently and instantly challenged by most of his auditors, some of whom would have assumed the same relationship to subsist in the future as in the past, while others would have doubted the existence of any relationship, or would have presumed it to be of a purely formal nature. But to-day, with our minds in a state of flux, we are constantly assimilating new ideas and discarding old beliefs and prejudices. The stiffness of our mental joints has been driven away by exercise, and new propositions are not necessarily things to startle us. That Masonry has a relation to the future we can readily understand when we recollect the universality of Masonic teaching, the broad generality with which it broods over all the activities of men, the ease with which its principles apply to the conduct of affairs of all kinds. The reason for this is not far to seek, for as a learned brother says of it: "Masonry is a representation of human life with all its hopes and aspirations serving as the source of an optimistic philosophy, and with all its failures serving but to emphasise the greater need of courage. Woven into the Masonic fabric are all the experiences of the lives of our Masonic ancestors, sometimes in bright colors and unmistakable outlines, sometimes dull and indistinct, but all there."

Need we wonder, then, that scarcely a subject of intellectual, moral, or spiritual interest is foreign to Masonry? And should we not thank God that humanity has at its disposal such a great unifying and binding force to fasten together all the higher interests of the higher life of man.

In the peaceful years of the past we were prone to quote poetry about Masonry, and to try to impress ourselves that the ritualistic statements concerning the Divine origin of Masonry were to be taken literally, and that it was something to be admired at a distance, to be enshrined in a lodge-room, and wondered about, as the Ephesians worshipped the image which fell down from Jupiter.

We are now nearly ready to talk prose about it, to recognize it is no more Divine than the home, the school, the court of justice, the hospital or any other upward-looking institution. In other words, we are beginning to see more humanity in it without losing our belief in its Divinity. We recognize that no simple definition will ever describe it, for its lineaments are not the same to every man. To one it is charity, to another fraternity, to another pure religion, and so on indefinitely.

But whether we can define it or not, we feel in our hearts we know what it is. We can tell to another something about it even if we can not tell everything about it. We can, for instance, say that Masonry is the striving of men towards freedom and truth, that it is the reiteration of the old and simple truths, which from human experience, we know can never die; "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God."

These are the things we are prone to forget, and of which Masonry incessantly reminds us. They may be classed as morality but they have from human experience a material value as well as a spiritual one.

Then we have what may be called the social uses of Masonry, which we hold to include the fraternal, the educational, and even the political in the best sense of service to the public.

Not all our members realize the exceedingly powerful social possibilities of our fraternity, and for a fuller recognition of the fact we have to look abroad to those countries where the right of assembly is denied the people, or is rigidly controlled by an enexorable police acting under a despotic central authority. We are accustomed to meet under conditions chosen by ourselves, for the exclusive management of our own affairs. Our customary demeanor vindicates our claim to be peaceful citizens. Exactly the same thing can be said of scores of other societies meeting as we do, and having similar objects. There is no greater democratic force to-day, in English-speaking countries than these so-called secret societies, which are not secret in their aims and membership and consequently are in no sense secret societies. Their only secrecy consists in the necessary restriction of the right of attendance at meetings to those entitled to take part in the business. We bar out intruders by a password and the same thing is done at every military camp.

Within our doors we meet as men, without detriment to our opinions on national, political, or religious matters. We get acquainted with one another and learn to appreciate the good qualities of our brethren. Divested of their repellant and spiny shells of prejudice we see them as they are. We discover that our brethren are very like ourselves in habit of mind. We learn also that a sense of justice prompts them to get our point of view, and causes them to respect our opinions. In effect we are educated into the knowledge that average, decent men under normal conditions of association and in the full exercise of their intellectual faculties are quite reasonable and likeable beings.

We find they, quite naturally, elect a leader by free choice of the members to direct discussion, and carry out the wishes of the majority in matters where the whole body are concerned. We notice, also, that human nature seems to prefer an occasional change in the occupancy of the leader's place to prevent his becoming weak in his interest, and lax in the performance of duty. It will be obvious to us, as well, that the periodical retirement of the president to the side-benches and the election of a successor works wonders in keeping the body democratic, by preventing the formation of a lodge aristocracy, surrounding the president and keeping the government and the governed apart, for there is in human nature a tendency derived from the child, the desire to boss, which must be restrained by coercive measures if necessary.

I question, if there is today, a greater democratic force than the societies just referred to. I doubt if anything could take their place in our free community. Democracy, by many people, is thought to be kind of free social intercourse, a discarding of social conventions, or something of that kind, whereas as you know, it means "Government of the people, by the people, for the people." It had its intellectual genesis in ancient Greece, its real origin among our English ancestors. We have it as a heritage, an essential part of our spirit. We apply the democratic method unconsciously in our dealings one with another, for it is the spirit of compromise, the striving to meet on common ground, the Masonic ideal of truth and justice, of fair play and decency. In Greece and in England, both countries small in area but great in soul, men met often and discussed public matters freely, getting acquainted with the essential humanity of their fellows.

Our lodges to-day serve the same purpose by helping to mould public opinion thus influencing democracy for its work of civilizing the world.

And what is civilization? It is a plant rooted in the warm South, spreading towards the North, but not yet blooming in all its northern branches. In contains the moral law of old Egypt, the free spirit of ancient Greece, the soul of Judea, the breadth and strength of Roman justice, the native kindliness of the freedom-loving races of southern Europe. There is nothing of the harsh north in it. It is fighting today as it has fought many times before, the northern barbarian, but never before was there opposed to it the filthy savagery with which it is now contending a savagery void of morality, of decency, of justice, and as slimy as the scum of the northern marshes whence it comes. For three years we have waited to hear from German so-called masonry, a disavowal, even if a veiled one, to protect itself from the militarism which is its master, of its concurrence in the despicable conduct of its country's armed forces, but nothing has come save assertions of conscious rectitude, the insincerity of which deceives no one. We doubt the veracity of a masonry that is absolutely devoid of that moral courage which is the culmination of our Masonic teaching. We doubt that masonry, which, like the people who profess it, yields with every manifestation of fawning delight, its conscience to the dictates of a vile military aristocracy. Once again the fact is borne upon us that Masonry can flourish only among a free people exercising the right of private judgment in things of the spirit.

We have heard from eye-witnesses and read in official reports of the destruction of life, and the horrible cruelties, in all theatres of war, perpetrated by German troops, even by German officers whom our enemies are pleased to call "high-born." We have heard of the destruction of cathedrals such as Rheims, the noblest pile in Europe, the creation of our ancestors in the Craft, the Cathedral-builders of the Middle Ages, but no word of regret has come from German so-called masons, nothing except their excommunication, at the behest of the military aristocracy, of the Masons of the Free Peoples for complicity in the war.

Recently, we have received documentary evidence that German so-called masonry, like everything else within Germany, and some things without that unhappy country, has eaten of the loco-weed of German imperialism, and is serving as a medium for the worship of Kultur, otherwise, Force.

My Brethren, I demand of you that you receive not this so-called masonry, until, if ever it can do so, it purge itself of this accursed sin of hypocrisy and ranges itself under the banner of Truth, Justice, and Mercy.

Let not your family of Grand Lodges include any but those based on Democracy, that is, Government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I would recommend you to take no application for recognition into consideration unless this is first demonstrated to you. Admit no traitors.

About two thousand five hundred years ago the kingdom of Assyria was raiding surrounding nations, fighting, ravaging, and destroying, to spread the worship of its god, the latter being the fatherland itself.

It was earnest in setting up its emblems and in making the conquered peoples conform to its laws. As become the archetype of Prussia it was a strong believer in Kultur, but in the appointed time it suffered the punishment ordained for it and it remains in history only as an iniquitous memory amongst the rubbish of the past.

We are now approaching the end of the third year of a war, the cruelest that unhappy humanity has ever had to endure, but which is, after all, only one phase more of that unending conflict between Light and Darkness, Good and Evil, the Hosts of the Lord and the fiends of the pit, that apparently unending strife which Divine assurance promises us will end in victory for the Just, the side of the People.

It is doubtful if the end is yet in sight, but we know there will be an end, and we strive hopefully towards it. After that, will come the time of reconstruction, and of full opportunity for Masonry—a constructive force—to exert its power, through various agencies for the rebuilding of civilization, which has for its ideal a civil citizen in a civil state.

Our Craft is opposed to war as construction is opposed to destruction. As the Ancient Charges have it: "It has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion." Like the Cathedral Builders of olden times we have sometimes to take the sword in defence of our work, and like them, we drop it when the occasion passes.

We do not glorify war, we regard it as an evil that must be suppressed. Let us guard ourselves from unnecessary military celebrations within our lodge-rooms, for such are contrary to the spirit of Masonry. Let us in the immediate future have Peace celebrations, International nights, Welcome nights for our returned brethren from the front, Memorial meetings for those who have fallen, but no military nights for the glorification of militarism.

Whether we like the word or not, Reconstruction, the rebuilding of our world-society of nations, and to some extent of the individual nations is near at hand, say rather, is being accomplished. The principles of Masonry must, perforce, be used for they are the eternal ones of Justice and Mercy, and are broader than the political opinions and religious beliefs of the warring nations. They are summed up for us in the saying of Holy Writ: "For God hath made of one blood all the nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth."

The eminent historian of antiquity, George Rawlinson, many years ago gave in a few words the result of his studies of those vanished empires and warns modern peoples that "the lesson which the present age would do well to lay seriously to heart, that material progress, skill in manufactures and in arts, even refined taste and real artistic excellence, are no sure indications of that civilization which is alone of real value, the civilization of the heart. A condition involving not merely polished manners, but gentleness, tendernes, self-restrant, purity, elevation of mind and soul, devotion of the thoughts and life to better things than comfort or luxury, or the cultivation of the aesthetic faculties."

And now, brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, as your Grand Master, let me admonish you for the last time to seek for truth by the light of reason, and to let your conscience be the sole guide of all your actions.

May God be with us all.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY E. BLETCHER, Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Lynds S. Vaughan (2), seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113), the M.W. the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Letters were read from the following brethren expressing their regret at not being able to be present:

M.W. Bro. George B. Murphy, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. William G. Bell, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, Past Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart, Past D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre, Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Joseph S. Armitage, Past D.D. Grand Master.
V.W. Bro. John E. Robinson, Grand Steward.
R.W. Bro. John Kerr Brydon, Past Grand Junior Warden.

TELEGRAMS

Saskatoon, Sask., June 13, 1917.

James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary,
Winnipeg, Man.

Accept greetings from Grand Lodge Saskatchewan. May your deliberation bear good fruit.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. ANDERSON, Grand Master.

REPLY

Winnipeg, Man., June 14, 1917.

J. H. Anderson, Grand Master,
Saskatoon, Sask.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. in annual communication assembled reciprocates your kind greetings. May the annual communication of your Grand Lodge over which you have the honor of presiding be one of the best in its history.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY E. BLETCHER, Grand Master.

Waterloo, Iowa, June 12, 1917.

Henry E. Bletcher, Grand Master,
Winnipeg, Man.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa, A.F. & A.M. sends to her brethren of Manitoba fraternal greetings and best wishes for a profitable session.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS ARTHUR, Grand Master.

REPLY

Winnipeg, June 13, 1917.

Thomas Arthur, Grand Master,
Waterloo, Iowa.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. in annual communication assembled specially apreciate your courtesy in sending fraternal greetings. We feel that we are bound to you by stronger ties of friendship on account of you being allied with us in this the great struggle for world freedom. May your communication be the best, the most happy and most instructive in its history.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY E. BLETCHER, Grand Master.

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. WILLIAM FENWICK, Past Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh, Past Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented M.W. Bro. William Fenwick, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain, collar and jewel, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District for the past year.

I have had the pleasure of visiting all the Lodges in the District on one or more occasions, and as your representative was received with due honor on each occasion. Have witnessed the conferring of degrees, the transaction of business and the general routine work of the Lodges. Have, in company with my Secretary, Bro. William R. Smith, examined the books and records of a number of the Lodges; have partaken of their hospitality; have enjoyed sweet fellowship with the brethren of the different Lodges.

It was my privilege, and I was glad of the opportunity of installing the officers in a number of the Lodges, and was forcibly struck with the evidence of care that had been displayed in the selection of men for the different offices, and I can assure you, Most Worshipful Sir, that the Lodges of this District are in the hands, generally speaking, of men of vision, well skilled, earnest, enthusiastic craftsmen, with noble purposes, high ideals and broad outlook, who are endeavoring to raise the standard of Masonry and make it a more positive force for the betterment of mankind.

The principal officers of the different Lodges in the District—the men on whose shoulders rests the responsibility of guiding the destinies of the craft in this District in the coming years—have met together on different occasions for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other, to study Masonry from a District or Community viewpoint, rather than the viewpoint of the individual Lodge. These gatherings, which I trust will be continued, are pregnant with great possibilities, and I express the hope that the time is not far distant when every man, who calls himself a Freemason, going forth from any of our Lodges, will be filled with the spirit of Masonry as taught in our discipline and be pledged to devote a portion of his time and talent to some organization, institution, society or object that has for its purpose the making of this old world a better place in which to live.

The reports of the different Lodges indicate that Masonry is prospering both financially and numerically. Harmony prevails throughout the different Lodges and they look hopefully to the future.

If you will permit me, Most Worshipful Sir, I would like to suggest that a superabundance of prosperity, numerically, does not make for the advancement of the Science, and I think the time has come when we might well encourage the formation of new Lodges and the dividing of some of the larger ones.

I cannot conclude my report without expressing to Worshipful Bro. Smith my appreciation of the valuable services rendered as my Secretary, and I take this opportunity also to extend my thanks and express my appreciation to the many brethren who have accompanied me on my official visits.

With full assurance of my appreciation of the honor which the Grand Lodge conferred on me one year ago.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE N. JACKSON, D.D.G.M.
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Craft Masonry in the Second Masonic District.

During the past year I have visited at least once every Lodge with the exception of St. Andrews No. 116, which much to my regret I was unable to reach. I may say that I made two attempts to visit this Lodge, but on both occasions was prevented by weather conditions.

It is a pleasure to report that Freemasonry is being exemplified in the Second Masonic District, and that a pleasant spirit of harmony prevails. The increase of inter-lodge visiting is an evidence that the members of the Craft are taking an interest in the work of others outside their own mother lodges.

It is very gratifying to find the various Lodge officers filling their positions with credit to themselves and profit to their brethren.

The study side of Masonry seems to be on the increase as I found that practically every Lodge had made arrangements for lectures, readings, etc., whenever time and opportunity permitted. I believe this is a great help in sustaining interest in Lodge work, for if we do nothing but routine business with degree work when called for, we are apt to get into a rut and finally loose the pleasure we at one time had in meeting our brethren in the Masonic World.

Referring again to inter-lodge visiting I am of the opinion that no better means can be taken to revive interest in a weak Lodge, than a fraternal visit from a number of enthusiastic brethren who will show by example the true Masonic spirit. Masonry is after all what we make it for ourselves. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." We cannot expect to be better collectively, than we are individually, and if Freemasonry is to be the influence for the uplift of Mankind, we must continue to lead, and by example both inside the Lodge and out of it show the way to our weaker and less informed brethren.

To serve the Craft, to aid in perpetuating its dignity, to feel that one is an instrument in guiding and benefitting others is to have the highest employment. Inspired by the best and noblest in his own nature the diligent Mason is sure to bring out the best that is in others.

Particularly at this time our friends and neighbors need our help both materially and spiritually, and it behoves us to exercise all the charity, benevolence and brotherly love, with which the Great Architect of the Universe has endowed us, if we are to do our duty to the Craft and the Empire in this crisis in the World's history.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren of the Second Masonic District for the honor conferred upon me in selecting me as D.D.G.M. for the past term and for the many acts of courtesy and kindness I have received from them.

Masonically the past year has been one of both pleasure and profit to myself.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK B. McKENZIE, D.D.G.M.
Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have much pleasure in submitting herewith my report for the Third Masonic District.

The district meeting was held on October 27th at Cypress Lodge No. 82, when we had the honor to have with us M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher, Grand Master, and M.W. Brother Jas. A. Ovas, Grand Secretary. This District meeting was called earlier in the year than has usually been the custom with the hope that weather conditions would be more favorable for brethren in the district to attend. I regret to report Sir, however, that owing to the inclemency of the weather it was almost impossible for any outside our own lodge at Cypress to be present and consequently our meeting was attended by only two masons of the district other than members of our own lodge—W. Bro. Mills and W. Bro. Weichman of Treherne Lodge No. 51. We had a very interesting and instructive address from our M. W. Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. Ovas explained a few difficult questions that were asked him relative to Masonic work. At the close of the meeting we partook of a luncheon provided by the ladies of the Red Cross.

I officially visited the lodges in my district on the following dates:—

Crescent Lodge No. 103, January 31st, 1917.
Treherne Lodge No. 51, February 2nd, 1917.
Rathwell Lodge No. 87, February 6th, 1917.
Glenboro Lodge, Na. 48, February 12th, 1917.
Holland Lodge No. 63, March 7th, 1917.
Cypress Lodge, No. 82, March 8th, 1917.

I had the pleasure of witnessing degrees being conferred in three of the six lodges visited, viz.—Glenboro, Holland and Cypress, and in each case the work was well demonstrated although the attendance at each Lodge was not up to the usual mark, owing to the number of brethren who have left for the overseas battlefields from our different lodges. We hope and pray that in The Almighty's good time we shall welcome these members back to their home Lodges. This welcome home cannot be given to all who have gone overseas as already some of our members have given their lives and we trust that these sacrifices have not been in vain.

I wish to report Most Worshipful Sir, the truly patriotic and masonic spirit displayed by the brethren of my District in assisting to their fullest extent, in all classes of aid and relief work occasioned by the war in which our Empire is engaged.

On June 1st, 1916, Holland Lodge No. 63, was favored by a visit by Northern Light Lodge No. 10 of Winnipeg, and all of the lodges in the District were invited to attend. We had a splendid meeting during which the officers of Northern Light Lodge conferred the third degree and all present expressed themselves as having greatly enjoyed the proceedings. This visit demonstrated what has been so frequently recommended that the brethren should fraternize more frequently and so enjoy and benefit by such brotherly intercourse and fellowship.

In conclusion I wish to thank my brother masons when as representatives of the district they did me the honor of choosing me for the position of D.D.G.M., but I regret very much that circumstances did not permit me to visit the lodges more frequently and I hope that whoever takes up the work after me will be better able to visit the lodges, and that he will endeavor to get the different lodges to fraternize more frequently for I believe that in this way the condition of Freemasonry wiuld be greatly improved and that much good would result.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM B. GILLAM, D.D.G.M.
Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fourth Masonic District.

The District meeting was held at Killarney on Wednesday, November 8th, 1916. Brethren were present from the following Lodges:—Deloraine, Doric, Crystal and Belmont. Mound and Manitou were not represented.

After Lodge was opened the M.W. the Grand Master and the M.W. the Grand Secretary entered and were welcomed in Masonic form by the brethren.

The afternoon meeting took the form of a Lodge of Instruction, and Killarney Lodge conferred the Third Degree.

The Grand Master's address was well received, and the brethren present gained much profit from same.

The Lodge then went into general discussion, and the usual half hour was allowed for asking questions to which the M.W. the Grand Secretary's replies were most satisfactory.

My first official visit was to Belmont Lodge No. 13 at Morden, on Thursday, January 18, 1917. The first degree was conferred with much credit to the W.M. and his officers. There was a good attendance, about 30 members being present. The books of this Lodge are as you would expect them, kept in a first class business like manner, R.W. Bro. Wm. Conner being secretary. This Lodge is working for profit and pleasure to all its members, and in harmony, and they have a most beautiful Lodge room. This being M.W. Bro. Judge Locke's lodge he was present and gave a nice address. The average attendance is 20. Some arrears of dues. Belmont Lodge has a membership of 68, and is active. The W.M. Bro. Gorden of Manitou paid a visit to Belmont on this occasion, and gave a short address.

My second official visit was to Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain, on Tuesday, January 23, 1917, and while there were no degrees conferred, the meeting was a good one, as addresses were given by R.W. Bro. Greaves, W. Bro. Willis and several others, from which much pleasure and profit were derived. This Lodge has a membership of 100, and is as it always has been a very active Lodge. Attendance good, some arrears of dues. The W.M. and Officers of Doric are as nearly perfect in opening and closing their lodge as could be wished for.

I visited Deloraine Lodge No. 40 on Wednesday, January 31, 1917. The weather was very cold, being around 40 below, yet there were 25 members present. R.W. Bro. Maynard and R.W. Bro. Hasselfield were present and gave short addresses. There was a second Degree conferred. The W. Master and two Past Masters took part in it, showing that interest, which should be taken by all Past Masters. The Lodge was opened and closed in good form, and the Degree well conferred. This Lodge has a membership of 95, the average attendance is 20. The Lodge is active, books kept in good form. This Lodge has a very nice Lodge room and prospects are good. A large amount of unpaid dues, and the Lodge should pay some attention to it.

I visited Manitou Lodge No. 30, Tuesday, February 6, 1917. This Lodge has a membership of 53. They meet in a nice Lodge room, warm, well lighted and very comfortable. The W.M. and Officers of this Lodge deserve great credit for the way in which they open and close Lodge, and the business like form in transacting business. The First Degree was conferred on two candidates, and the work was exceptionally well done. A Lodge conferring its degrees in this form deserves great credit. Last year was a quiet year for this Lodge, not much new work. They held no meetings in August, September and October. Their attendance is not very large, an average of about 15, but there are reasons for this, as their members are scattered, which makes it hard for the members to be at Lodge regularly, especially in cold weather. Books well kept and prospects for the coming year are better than last. Some arrears of dues. This Lodge is in good shape.

Visited Crystal Lodge No. 71, at Crystal City, on Tuesday, April 3, 1917. This Lodge has a membership of 51. They have a nice Lodge room and the W.M. and the Officers do their work perfectly. The books are well kept, and all business transacted in a business like manner. The Second Degree was conferred at this meeting, and one application was accepted by ballot. This Lodge is active and prospects are bright. R.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway was present and gave a short address. The attendance is very good. Some arrears of dues.

Visited Mound Lodge No. 118, at Pilot Mound, on Wednesday, April 4th, 1917. I was pleased to find the brethren interested, and all taking an active part in their Lodge. This as you know is a new Lodge, and I did not expect to find it in as good shape as it is. The Third Degree was conferred, and the W.M. and his Officers deserve great credit for the able way in which they did their work. R.W. Bro. Cohoe was present, and favored us with a few remarks, also V.W. Bro. Hicks. The books of the Lodge are in first class shape. This Lodge is going along fine, and needs no assistance from any outside Lodge. Arrears of dues very small.

Visited Killarney Lodge No. 50, on Friday, April 6, 1917. There was no candidates so the Lodge went into general discussion of Lodge work, and much profit and pleasure was gained. There were 25 members present and a great deal of time was taken up on one subject, which is a very sad and serious subject in every Lodge in the District, except Mound Lodge, and this subject is arrears of dues, and the Brethren of Killarney Lodge pledged themselves to have this sad state of Lodge dues put into better shape in Killarney Lodge. This Lodge is active and prospects are good.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the Fourth Masonic District and this Grand Lodge for the honor they conferred on me in electing me as D.D.G.M. for this District, and I wish to assure them of the great pleasure it has been to me, and I trust that my labors may be of some benefit.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. SANDERS, D.D.G.M.,
Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District.

I believe every District Deputy purposes to visit the various Lodges as often as possible. Such was my desire but I was unable to visit each lodge more than once.

The past year has been in many ways an outstanding one, and while it has furnished many grounds for thankfulness, has found our hearts stirred as never before. Every Lodge in the District appeared to be in an active condition, and the meetings were of unusual interest, and helpful to myself in particular, and I trust mutually so.

The District meeting was held at Shoal Lake, and was a very pleasing and instructive one, largely augmented by the presence of the M.W. Grand Master and M.W. Grand Secretary, both of whom gave interesting addresses. I have been particularly impressed by the earnestness and self-sacrificing spirit displayed by the members of the various Lodges. In every Lodge there were members who were not present because they were answering the higher call to duty, and who had unhesitatingly gone to the front in answer to that call. Surely we as Masons, have great cause to rejoice in the loyalty displayed by our Brthren, many of whom have made the supreme sacrifice and have yielded up their lives in devotion to King and Country. Yet we would not have it otherwise. I remember listening to M.W. Bro. Fenwick's address to this Grand Lodge in which he stated that loyalty to King and Country was a cardinal principle of Freemasonry. Surely this has been demonstrated as a potent fact in the voluntary sacrifice of so many of our Brethren. Among them the fairest and brightest minds which the nation has produced, who have left the ties of home and kindred, and in many instances their life work in response to duty's call. Brethren are we doing all we can to supplement their efforts? I believe the true spirit of Masonry was never more alive than at the present time, and that opportunity for service in the interests of suffering humanity are being seized with avidity. Let us measure up to the full extent of our responsibilities, and while it is not possible for many of us to take an active part in this national struggle may we be fully animated by those fundamental principles of our order. Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We must believe that truth will triumph. There is nothing in history dark as it at present appears to prevent the ultimate fulfilment of the prophetic vision of Robert Burns, the poet laureate of Masonry. "Then let us pray that come it may, as come it will for a that; That man to man the world o'er shall brothers be for a that."

It is very fitting that on this two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England, which event would appear to divide the story of Masonry into before and after, giving us a new date from which to reckon masonically that we should realize how much our order owes to the men who inaugurated the movement which has given to us the institution of which we are justly proud. Masonry teaches us that we are to believe in a wise dispensation of Divine Providence. Probably there never was a time when the need for that belief was so great, we may find it difficult at times to reconcile our belief with present day happenings, but our dependance on Divine Providence must and will enable us to believe that the outcome of this present struggle will justify that belief. May we not take those beautiful and stiring words of the poet "Lowell," and appropriate them as our own in this time of stress and anxiety.

"Careless seems the Great Avenger, History pages but record
One death struggle in the darkness, Twixt all systems and the
word.
Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future and behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

I would acknowledge the kindness and courtesy shown me throughout the District and in conclusion would say that I trust and believe that District No. Five will be found in the forefront in all that is wisest and best in Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. SPARLING, D.D.G.M.,
Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A. M.

I herewith beg to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Sixth Masonic District.

I paid my official visit to Hartney Lodge No. 52, Hartney, on March 6th, 1917. We had a splendid turnout, and as one might expect from one of the oldest Lodges in the District, everything is in fine shape. All the officers have their work up well.

Oriental Lodge No. 54, Melita, I visited April 6th, 1917. Here we also had a good attendance of members, and I found everything going good. The W. Master put on the First Degree in a most creditable manner.

Reston Lodge No. 104, Reston. I visited April 13th, 1917, W. Bro. F. C. Guthrie having enlisted for overseas service, W. Bro. J. W. Guthrie occupied the W. Master's chair, and put on the Third Degree in a very able manner. Everything is in first class shape in this Lodge, with an efficient staff of officers.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 110, Minto, I visited on May 1st, 1917. The W. Master put on the First Degree in an efficient manner. Officers all have their work up well, and the Lodge is in good shape.

I visited Napinka Lodge No. 77, Napinka, May 3rd. This Lodge is doing better than it has been, but there is still room for improvement. There was a fairly good attendance of members, and the W. Master put on the First Degree very creditably.

May 4th, 1917, I paid my official visit to Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Souries. Here I found everything in first class shape. We had a large turnout of members. The W. Master put on the Third Degree in splendid style, and everything seems to go with great enthusiasm.

Elgin Lodge, No. 86, Elgin, being my mother Lodge, I was there every meeting night, but made May 8th, 1917, my official visit. With a good staff of officers everything is in good shape here.

Lauder Lodge, No. 99, Lauder, June 4th, 1917, we had a large turnout of Brethren from Hartney and Elgin, but a very poor attendance of their own members. Unfortunately some of their officers were absent, but the ones who were there did their work very well. This Lodge is doing better than it has been, and if they could only start their meetings on time I think it would help some.

The year which I have spent in office has been both pleasant and profitable to me, and I desire to thank the Brethren for the honor they conferred on me by electing me D.D.G.M. for this District, and for their kindness to me when I visited their respective Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM G. SHAW, D.D.G.M.,
Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Seventh Masonic District.

The first official act performed by me after being elected at the last session of Grand Lodge, was to call a meeting of the Past Masters of the district for purpose of forming a Past Masters Association for the Seventh Masonic District. The meeting was held at Oak Lake and there was a fair attendance. An Association was duly formed, and the first meeting after organization ws held at Brandon on 23rd February, 1917, at which there was a good attendance of Past Masters and Brethren, and some interesting and instructive addresses were given. No doubt this Association will be of benefit to Freemasonry in this District.

I had the pleasure of visiting every Lodge in the district, and am pleased to report that a true Masonic spirit prevails and that fair progress is being made in face of war conditions. The statistical information required from each Lodge is detailed hereon.

The district meeting was held at Oak Lake on 25th October, 1916. There was a fair attendance of the Brothers from the various Lodges. The Third Degree was exemplified by Oak Lake Lodge No. 44 in a very creditable manner. The Grand Master gave a very interesting and able address. A banquet was afterwards held and interesting speeches were made by some of the Brethren present. A collection was made on behalf of the Red Cross fund, and a substantial amount was obtained for this worthy object.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74.

I paid my official visit to this, my mother Lodge, on 9th October, 1916. On this occasion two Fellow Craft Degrees were conferred. The work of this Lodge is being kept up to its usual high standard.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 107.

I visited this Lodge on 8th November, 1916. The attendance was small. The Third Degree was conferred in a proficient manner.

Composite Lodge, No. 64.

I paid my official visit to this Lodge at Alexander on 20th November, 1916, and had the pleasure of being accompanied by M.W. Bro. Fenwick, P.G. Master; M.W. Bro. Pugh, P.G. Master, and a number of other Brethren from Brandon and Tweed Lodges. There was no degree work, but the officers appear to be well posted. An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to the Lodge of a photograph of M.W. Bro. Fenwick, who, I understand, was the first Master of this Lodge.

Brandon Lodge, No. 19.
and
Tweed Lodge, No. 113.

At the request of those Lodges a joint meeting was held on 28th November, 1916, at which I attended. There was a good turnout of the members. A banquet was afterwards held in the Lodge room, and speeches and music were enjoyed. The officers of these Lodges take a keen interest in the affairs of their Lodge.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 43.

I visited this Lodge on 5th December, 1916, and had the pleasure of being accompanied by 15 members of Elkhorn Lodge.

A Second Degree was conferred in an able manner by the officers of the Lodge.

Oak Lake Lodge, No. 44.

This Lodge was visited on 8th March, 1917. The First Degree was conferred on this occasion in a manner showing proficiency on the part of all the officers. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by the quartette from my own Lodge and after the meeting was closed, refreshments were partaken of and an enjoyable time was spent with music and speeches.

I addressed the Brethren at all the meetings, endeavoring to point out to them some of the excellencies of our fraternity, and laid special stress on the problem of non-attendance of the Brethren at the meetings.

During the year several of the Lodges have received and have read some of the excellent papers received from the Committee on Masonic Research, and these papers have brought forth fruitful and interesting discussions. In my opinion, the use of these papers should be largely extended.

The travelling libraries have also been made use of, and as a means of extending Masonic instruction are to be commended.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Brethren for the honor they did in electing me District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District, and for the courteous way they have received me on my official visits. It has been a great pleasure and profit to me to have had this honor.

Fraternally submitted,

ROWLAND H. BROTHERHOOD, D.D.G.M.,
Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I am pleased to have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonic affairs in District number Eight.

During the year it has been my privilege to visit all the Lodges in the District. I have found most of the Lodges with candidates in various stages of advancement. The spirit of Masonry as evidenced by the Brethren at the time of my visits was an indication to me of lively interest and leads me to express the opinion that Masonry in the district though somewhat affected by the abnormal conditions of the present time is prosperous and the future will show greater growth and increased interest.

On July 27th, 1916, acting according to your advice I presented to Patricia Lodge No. 125, of Sperling, their charter. I found this our youngest Lodge a sturdy child. The members were doing good work and prospects for the future were of the brightest.

On February 5th, I visited Midlothian Lodge No. 90, Miami, I found the Lodge very active and well attended. The officers of the Lodge were efficient and the work was put on in good form. The Brethren are fortunate in being comfortably housed, as the Lodge room with its comfort and cheer lends very materially to the success of the society.

Oakland Lodge No. 9, Carman, was visited on March 6th. This is the oldest Lodge in the district, and the strongest we have. I found on this visit as I have noted on other occasions that the standard of the Lodge is high and the present officers are as capable and efficient as those of past years. Life and activity are in evidence, and though the war has greatly interferred with the community life the Lodge is doing good work.

I visited Patricia Lodge No. 125, Sperling, on the evening of March 7th. I found a very active Lodge, comfortably housed, and with considerable work ahead of the members. I was very sorry to learn of the death of the Secretary, Bro. Adam Dixon. This brother was a man of rare gifts and peculiarly able in speech. The Lodge will miss him greatly. The officers of the Lodge were proficient and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

I was an official visitor at my home Lodge, Shiloh No. 70, on the evening of March 8th. The night was very cold, the Lodge room none too comfortable, the representative very well known, and as a result the attendance was small. Shiloh Lodge is in fair condition with a capable compliment of officers.

On April 3rd, I visited Wawanesa Lodge No. 67. The roads were breaking up, and almost impassable, so the attendance was small. The officers were well skilled and capable in their work. The Degree as conferred by the Brethren was very much enjoyed. Wawanesa Lodge is one of the older lodges, and as a consequence numbers of well skilled Brethren are available and a standard is set that insures permanent progress.

I visited Swan Lake Lodge No. 109, on Monday, April 30th This Lodge has suffered severely by removals and members going to war. To such an extent is this felt that it is hard to get along however a good number turned out to meet the district deputy and we spent a pleasant evening together. The officers of the Lodge were capable and discharged their duties with credit while work ahead insures continued activity.

On the evening of May 1st I visited Strathcona Lodge No. 117 of Belmont. I found the Lodge in an active condition, and with considerable work ahead. A very proficient officery insured the carrying out of the year's programme. The Lodge has to be congratulated upon its meeting place. The policy adopted by the Lodge of a small well furnished hall for Masonic purposes only is worthy of commendation.

In summing up I am convinced there is evidence conclusive of a steady progress. The abnormal condition of these days, no doubt, have had and are having a decided effect upon society work but I can see no reason for pessimism, but rather, signs of greater development are in evidence.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW S. ARGUE, D.D.G.M.,
Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Ninth Masonic District.

Vermillion Lodge No. 68, Dauphin.

I made my official visit to this Lodge at its regular meeting in April, there were five candidates for the First Degree. The work was well done in every respect, their lodge room is a credit to them. There was a good attendance, and a keen interest taken in the affairs of the Craft.

Hiram Lodge, No. 94, Grandview.

This is my mother Lodge, and I have attended every meeting during my term of office as D.D.G.M. On my official visit in April the First Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. All the officers being well skilled in the work.

Roblin Lodge, No. 122.

I paid my official visit to this Lodge at its regular meeting in March. There was a good attendance. The First Degree was conferred in a very creditable manner. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by W. Brother Boag on paying my official visit to this Lodge.

Robbie Burns Lodge, No. 100.

I visited officially this Lodge at its regular meeting in April. There was no Degree work, but from what I could see the officers are quite capable.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 100.

Owing to unforseen circumstances I was unable to visit this Lodge, but I met a number of the Brethren at Minetonas, when constituting the new Lodge at that place, and as this was one of the first Lodges to send their report to me I can from what I know, cheerfully recommend it.

District Meeting.

After getting the feeling of the several Lodges with respect to this meeting it was decided to suspend with it owing to the present circumstances on account of the war.

The Pas Lodge, No. 124.

I regret very much I was unable to visit this Lodge at the time I had set, but their report is very good and was also one of the first I received.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Brethren of the Ninth Masonic District for electing me D.D.G.M., and I wish to assure them of my sincere appreciation of the kindly manner in which they received me.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. HUME, D.D.G.M.
Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the pleasure in submitting to you my report as D.D.G.M. of the Tenth Masonic District.

All the Lodges in the Tenth Masonic District are in good condition, and the past year has shown that they are doing their share to promote the welfare of the craft. Each Lodge is located in a community where the population is small and where opportunities for social intercourse are comparatively few. The Brethren seem to be filled with a desire to build up strong and efficient Lodge organizations. The officers are enthusiastic, as a rule, and they are devoting a great deal of time and energy to their work.

Every Lodge was visited by me on the occasion of a regular meeting. I was enabled to take note of the manner in which business was transacted, and of the work of conferring one or other of the Degrees. With regard to the business I would say that the respective officers appear to have an intimate knowledge of the affairs of their particular Lodge. Appreciative of their responsibilities, they are administering their trust in a satisfactory manner. I was gratified to find that the financial position of all the Lodges was excellent. Revenues are not large, but they are handled in such a way as to obviate the danger of deficits. Monetary contributions to charitable works are not heavy as yet, probably on account of the fact that the needs are relatively small. Each Lodge realizes, however, that it may be called upon to meet more pressing demands in the future, and is working up to a position where it can do this.

The progress of needy Masonry must depend chiefly upon the efforts of the men in charge of the various Lodges. This district is fortunate in that regard. The officers are imbued with the necessity for doing more than routine work. They want to make themselves useful to the craft, and they welcome occasions that give them a chance to demonstrate their zeal. Individually they show commendable efficiency, and the destinies of the lodges are safe in their hands.

The problems of the country Lodges are to be discussed at the approaching communication of the Grand Lodge, and it may not be out of place to suggest here that this district is keenly interested in the subject. All our Lodges, as I have intimated, are country Lodges, and they have there problems. The feature to which I would desire to make particular reference is the advantage of fraternal visits. Any Lodge in our district, for instance, is certain to derive benefit from visiting any other Lodge. The scope of the visiting, indeed, can be greatly extended. We are always glad to welcome the members of other Lodges, and we are particularly pleased to meet our Brethren from Winnipeg on these occasions. With the improvement in transportation facilities the Lodges are in a better position to make trips to other points. The early summer and autumn are appropriate seasons, on account of the opportunities for using motor cars, when the roads are in good condition. I am aware that City Lodges are in the habit of discontinuing their meetings during the summer months, but this condition does not apply generally in the rest of the province. Our meetings in the summer months are enjoyable, and we would gladly receive any number of City Brethren who might come and visit us. The contact with members of other Lodges encourages us to believe more firmly in the unity of the craft. It seems unfortunate that more of this visiting is not done. Perhaps it is because no one cares to take the initiative in arranging a more or less regular series of visits each year.

A slight increase in membership is to be noted in the district, and this should be regarded as gratifying in view of all the circumstances. Our Lodges are well represented on the battlefields of France and Flanders, and we are more than proud of those of our Brethren who have shouldered the rifle on behalf of King and Country. Particular reference is due to the members who have laid down their lives for the cause we all hold so dear. We fully appreciate the sacrifices they have made, and our hearts go out in sympathy to the relatives who are suffering because they did their whole duty.

Degree work was put on during all my official visits, except in the case of one Lodge, where the evening's programme was given over to what may be termed the research side of our activities. I was satisfied with the proficiency shown by the various officers who took part in the conferring of degrees, and came to the conclusion that they had tried to perform faithfully their tasks. At the same time I could not help noting the discrepancies in the rendering of the work in the different Lodges. The points of divergence are small in themselves, but in the aggregate they are, I think, important. Perhaps some effort might be made to secure a greater measure of uniformity. The same condition applies to the conduct of business and even to the arrangement of the Lodge room. To those of us who desire exactness, variation in practice or arrangement is unwelcome.

The Lodge where I saw no Degree work was Emerson, No. 6, and I am happy to say that the reason was a most satisfactory one. This Lodge has made it a custom to devote as much time as possible to the educational side of Masonry, and I believe it should be congratulated on its enterprise. On the occasion of my visit one of the papers prepared for the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg was read, and it was enjoyed by all who heard it. I learned that these papers and others of similar purport were used extensively by the Lodge in its programme, and the members were confident that they had derived great advantage from this form of study. The papers of the Past Masters' Association, I may add, have been read before some of the other Lodges in the district, and have been received there with keen interest.

The district meeting was held at Gretna on the evening of October 11, in conjunction with the regular meeting of East Star Lodge No. 55. There was a large attendance, every Lodge in the district being represented. We had the pleasure of receiving there as you will remember yourself, and the M.W. the Grand Secretary. I had arranged for the discussion of several questions bearing on the work of our institution, and as much time as could be spared was devoted to that feature of the programme. The Brethren participated freely in the discussions, and many interesting points were brought out. We hope to continue these discussions at similar gatherings in the future, believing that the exchange of ideas is very valuable. The dates on which I visited the Lodges in the district are as follows:—Ophir, No. 112, Beausejour, November 9; Stonewall, No. 12, January 2; King Solomon's Lodge, No. 8, Morris. February 6; Emerson, No. 6, March 8; and Penza, No. 120, Dominion City, April 4.

Before concluding this summary I desire to express my appreciation of the kindnes shown by yourself and other Grand Lodge officials who visited the district officially during my term of office. The Brethren were glad to make your acquaintance, and expressed the wish that you would repeat these visits in the near future. The year has been a pleasant one as far as my work is concerned, and I am happy at being able to assure you that the interests of the Craft in this district are apparently being well guarded.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M. RILEY, D.D.G.M.,
Tenth Masonic District.

On motion of R.W. Bro. George Camsell (75), seconded by R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition on Freemasonry.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m. until 2.30 o'clock p.m.

First Day = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 13th, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

R.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell, Past Grand Chaplain who kindly consented to take the place of R.W. Bro. James S. Miller, Grand Chaplain now with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces overseas was introduced by the M.W. the Grand Master and delivered the following address:—

THE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF MASONIC SYMBOLISM

We have been reminded by a gifted scholar that since the terms metaphor and symbol have so much in common we should at the very outset notice the distinction that exists between the two. Both are used to describe methods that are employed to give concrete expression to ideas belonging to the realm of spirit, but what the metaphor is in the sphere of speech, that the symbol is in the sphere of things, the metephor applies mainly to expression, while the symbol is an attribute of objects and action all of which is so signally true in the world of freemasonry especially when we think of the symbolic significance of our working tools.

But perhaps the touching and may I add the most beautiful thing in masonic symbolism is that which illustrates for us the points of fellowship with its mystic word, telling me how I may greet you as a brother, how I will support you in all your lawful undertakings, how the posture of my daily supplications shall remind me of your wants and dispose my heart to sooth your afflications and relieve your necessities, how my breast shall become the safe and sacred repository of all your lawful secrets when entrusted to my keeping and finally how I will uphold your good name in your absence as I would in your presence binding us together in one invisible chain of sincere affection, lawful support, relief, fidelity and truth, beyond which there is nothing more sublime in either the realms of religion or morality.

Passing to the sacred books of masonry we likewise find them all rich and beautiful in their symbolism, whether it be the Koran, the book of Mahomet, the Vedas, the book of the Brahman, the Torah, or the Book of the Law for the Jews or our own volume of the Sacred Law, books which are believed to contain the revealed will of the Most High and on which candidates take their solemn obligations, they all abound in metaphor and symbol the purpose of which being not only to unfold our moral science but to aid us in our belief in the Supreme Being the foundation principles of our beloved order. Thus the Tabernacle or Temple His visible dwelling place become the symbol of His invisible abode in the heavens above us—In point of fact the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies correspond respectively to the heavens and the highest heaven while the forecourt was the analogue or symbol of the earth, in the language of the prophet, "God's Footstool"—so that Josephus was right when he said that the subdivision of the sanctuary was an imitation of the constitution of the universe, a symbolic reference we as Masons should never lose sight of—Passing into the symbolic significance of numbers we are not so sure of our ground. The threefold arrangement of the sanctuary does not as some have thought stand for the Trinity of the Deity for at that stage of Old Testament history it was the oneness rather than the Trinity of the Godhead that was kept before the people hence the frequent exhortation, "Hear O Israel the Lord thy God is one Lord." Equally uncertain is the number four which is also very evident in the construction of the sanctuary as also number ten thought by some to express the idea of perfection, but neither can this hold since the Holy of Holies in King Solomon's Temple formed a cube of twenty cubits.

There is a little more foundation however for a more positive belief in the reality of the symbolism of colors. There can be no doubt that the blue or violet which occupy the first place among the four colors of the curtains of the sanctuary allude to the unclouded sky and to the Infinite One above, but we are not quite so sure that the red-purple suggest the God of Judgment as many noted scholars have supposed, but on the other hand we are sure that the color white which we note in the High Priest's dress, in the color of the horses, the throne of God and the robes of the blest is as certainly a symbolical expression of purity, salvation and victory as black is the symbol of death. And thus we think of the lambskin—From its whiteness and the innocence of the animal from which it is procured we are constantly admonished to observe that blameless purity of life and conduct which will enable us hereafter to stand before the A.O.T.U. unstained by vice and unspotted by sin.

But for sheer wealth and beauty of symbolism the "Pillars of Entrance" to Solomon's Temple stand before us unsurpassed—whether you take them separately or in their conjoined significance—Beyond their strength and stability we look upon the face of cherubs, symbolts of the presence of the Infinite and Eternal, suggesting worship and aspiration and close to these angel forms we see the verdure of palm trees and open flowers, symbols of fruitfulness, with fret work and lily work upon the crowns of these pillars the whiteness of the latter so richly suggestive of purity and the pomegranates the exuberance of their seeds speaking of plenty for all time to come. Nor is this all for here we also find suggestions of beauty and receptivity—The flowers upon the walls were open flowers rich in bloom and beauty, open and so ready to receive those gracious influences of God and Nature whereby they might unfold the great purpose of their being, thus we as Masons glean from this wealth of symbolism how we ought to incorporate into our worship of the Supreme Being these outstanding features of His Holy Temple and how we ought to build these into the noble structure of our masonic character learning to consecrate all the art and all the beauty which these symbols represent to the service of the Most High.

But you ask—Why insist thus upon this thought of art and beauty especially in view of the fact that all external beauty is destined to perish so quickly. In fact the tender and the most beautiful things of life are the most transient and short lived. Your lilies in full bloom, your open flowers scattering their fragrance all around are rich and beautiful to-day, but to-morrow they are dead and faded away—But my brother I ask you again to look upon the faces of yon angles on the walls of the porchway or entrance to King Solomon's Temple—Did we not suggest to you that they were the symbols of the unfading and eternal things of God and Truth? Their position alongside the fleeting things of life afford a striking contrast. If the one is destined to perish the other holds forth its claim to immorality thus suggesting that true and noble masonic beauty and stability expressed in the life of our order are like the Great Architect of the Universe destined to endure forever. From these suggestions I pass with you to notice next

THAT THE DOCTRINE OF THE SYMBOL HOLDS FOR US THE KEY OF LIFE.

All that I see then is but a sign or a symbol of the vaster, deeper thing that lies just beyond it and holds for us a meaning far greater than anything that might appear upon the surface so that the symbol is always less and inferior to the thing it represents. The spring is surely more than the cup that holds the water, the painter more than the picture, the poet more than the poem, the architect more than the building, friendship and love more than the ring by which they may be bound, the empire and the crown greater than their flag of freedom for which our brothers now are bleeding and a mason greater than any of its symbols. We sometimes look out upon a structure a noble piece of architecture, a bit of "frozen music," adding, "What a beautiful home." But these bricks and stones thus designed are only the external symbols of a home. Father, mother, son and daughter, their memories enshrined in love and friendship make the home, not the bricks and mortar. So we think of our forms and ceremonies, our lodges and our shrines, beautiful and elaborate as they may, but a master mason built in the image of God is finer and sublimer than any transient thing of life—As God is greater than the Grand Lodge above, the place where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns forever and ever, so we must remember that man, God's masterpiece of creation is as God or as the Word declares with this very thought in view just a little lower than the angels—Thus man himself becomes a symbol, his body not only a temple of God, but the emblem of the uprightness of his mind, erect and Godlike the symbol of upright intentions, the home of the soul its treasure stamped with the image of the Eternal.

Then in conclusion let me suggest to you that the world in which we live becomes the creation of our own eyes, men become like the gods they serve, like the things they see, a truth which makes this gospel of the symbol and its proper interpretation one of the great essentials of masonry. What does the symbol hold for us? For some this world is but a market place wherein to trade and sell their goods, for others it is nothing more than a banquetting hall to fulfill desire and indulgence, for others still it is but one vast arena of pleasure for the satisfaction of time and sense, for others it is holy ground with every bush aflame with God and truth full of interest, full of charm bringing light and inspiration upon the riddle of life.

Thus the symbol may become the key to the door of mystery that something which opens up for us the prospects of the eternal so that it becomes essential for every mason like the ancient prophets to be a Seer, to have that power to penetrate and see beyond the symbol. Upon this power to see and act depends the very future of our order for otherwise we cannot appreciate masonry which is a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. And if what Ruskin says is true that for every thousand that can speak only one can think and for every thousand that can think only one can see, does it not reveal to us what prophets of the order we must be. And the prophets were more than seers and dreamers, they were the great masters of morality, the embodiment of social righteousness, the real builders of the nation's best—they lived to love and serve and die for others and this is the symbolism of our flag to-day.

"It is only a small bit of bunting,
It is only an old colored rag
Yet thousands have died for its honor
And shed their best blood for the flag."

In one of the smaller towns somewhere in France, not many months ago captured by the British, it happened as in many cases before that a considerable number of the enemy remained entrenched on one of the streets and with them a few of our own men taken as prisoners, one of whom knew the fate of his comrades for they were coming that way with all the mutilating horror of machine gun fire waiting in concealment like the men behind directing the execution. For this British prisoner two things were possible, First to remain in safety with the enemy and so save himself. Could he do it? The other, he could bound out on to this street knowing he would be fired on and in all probality riddled to death, but the alarm would save his comrades, the sound of the guns would save them from the death-trap. He bounded out into the open, his poor body fell but not in vain, the alarm was given, the guns were located, the enemy-routed with little or no loss, and then when the victory was complete his comrades gathered gently and reverently what remained, then they laid their hero to rest in the adjacent cemetry and over his grave they placed a little cross and on the cross inscribed these historic words, "He saved others, himself he could not save," and this must be our motto, for it is here on the way to Calvary that we shall find the secret of all our Masonic efficiency, that immortality of influence which has made so many of our members illustrous and placed them in the ranks of fame to shine as the stars for ever and ever.

Let the volume of the Sacred Law with all the richness of its symbolism continue to govern our faith and the square to regulate our actions and the compass to keep us in due bounds with all mankind, and if this symbolism of the square teaches us masonic morality, and the level equality and the plumbrule justness and uprightness of life we too shall ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), seconded by M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), and

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Bethell, Past Grand Chaplain for his excellent address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of same for publication in the proceedings.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit my report for the past fiscal year showing the receipts and disbursements and the standing of the several accounts as at the 31st March, 1917, all of which have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

The Committees on the "Investment Account," "Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund" and "Benevolent Fund" will report fully regarding the several funds under their supervision.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES G. DAGG,
Grand Treasurer.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts and Expenditures as at 31st March, 1917.

Receipts.

1916			
Mar. 31—	To Balance		$ 2,578.76
May 29—	By James A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y	$ 485.40	
Jul. 21—	" "	575.09	
Jul. 30—	" "	615.90	
Aug. 22—	" "	123.25	
Oct. 17—	" "	316.40	
Oct. 21—	" "	240.72	
Oct. 31—	" "	641.53	
Nov. 14—	" "	465.70	
Nov. 28—	" "	251.58	
Dec. 6—	" "	813.35	
Dec. 14—	" "	150.95	
Dec. 28—	" "	192.20	
1917			
Jan. 5—	" "	442.85	
Feb. 3—	" "	1,083.34	
Feb. 13—	" "	713.04	
Mar. 3—	" "	224.65	
Mar. 16—	" "	788.33	
Mar. 29—	" "	126.49	
			8,250.77
			$10,829.53

ORDERS ISSUED

From April 1st, 1916 to March 31st, 1917.

No.	In whose favor drawn	Amount	
1689—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	$ 600.00	
1690—	Masonic Temple Assn., Rent	100.00	
1691—	T. Harry Webb, Grand Treasurer, Salary	50.00	
1692—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1693—	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Expense	40.50	
1694—	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	65.60	
1695—	Benevolent Fund	100.00	
1696—	Wm. Fenwick, Special Grant	200.00	
1697—	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery	14.50	
1698—	W. F. Smith, Expense	8.00	
			$1,328.60

No.	In whose favor drawn	Amount	
	Amount brought forward	$1,328.60	
1699	H. E. Miller, Insurance	57.00	
1700	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Expense	42.50	
1701	T. J. Smith, Special Grant	20.00	
1702	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1703	Alex Little, Expense	18.00	
1704	Manitoba Stencil and Stamp Works, Expense	2.75	
1705	D. R. Dingwall Ltd., Special Grant	50.00	
1706	Masonic Temple Assn., Rent	100.00	
1707	Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co., Expense	35.76	
1708	W. C. Balfour, Special Grant	25.00	
1709	Joseph Wood, Special Grant	15.00	
1710	Charles Cannon, Special Grant	35.75	
1711	Taxes on Loan No. 17	174.08	
1712	Alex. Little, Expense	9.00	
1713	James C. McQuade, Lodge Seal	3.50	
1714	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Expense	11.00	
1715	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery and Expense	36.25	
1716	Reginald Lawson Co., Insurance	47.50	
1717	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Printing	316.50	
1718	Clark Bros. & Co., Ltd., Stationery and Expense	31.16	
1719	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	65.73	
1720	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00	
1721	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1722	Guarantee Co. of North America	11.25	
1723	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1724	Benevolent Fund, Interest	770.59	
1725	Dr. T. A. Cohoe, Special Grant	37.30	
1726	James A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y, Salary	600.00	
1727	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1728	H. E. Miller, Insurance	12.50	
1729	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1730	James G. Dagg, Grand Treas., Salary	50.00	
1731	Clark Bros. & Co., Ltd., Stock and Stationery	9.70	
1732	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Stationery	13.50	
1733	Masonic Temple Association, Rent	100.00	
			$5,004.92

No.	In whose favor drawn	Amount	
	Amount brought forward	$5,004.92	
1734	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Expense and Postage	91.10	
1735	Benevolent Fund	494.85	
1736	Alex. Little, Expense	9.00	
1737	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stock and Exp.	216.15	
1738	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Stock and Expense	16.50	
1739	Clark Bros. & Co., Ltd., Stationery	9.83	
1740	Masonic Temple Association, Rent	100.00	
1741	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1742	James A. Ovas, Grand Sec'y, Salary	600.00	
1743	Benevolent Fund	351.20	
1744	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1745	Clark Bros. & Co., Ltd., Stationery	5.00	
1746	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	63.95	
1747	War Relief Fund	854.00	
			$ 7,991.50
	Bank Balance	$2,888.03	
	Less Cheque No. 1730	50.00	
			2,838.03
	March 31st—To balance	$2,838.03	
			$10,829.53

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND

1916.	Debit		
Mar. 31	To Balance		$1,385.41
May 29	Donations	$890.52	
May 30	Interest	10.92	
Aug. 22	Donations	492.00	
Nov. 30	Interest	37.99	
Dec. 12	Loan Repayments	450.00	
Dec. 14	Donations	417.74	
1917.			
Jan. 5	Loan Repayments	350.00	
Feb. 3	Donations	466.33	
Mar. 16	Donations	331.50	
Mar. 29	Donations	199.53	
			3,646.53
			$5,031.94

Credit.

1916.		
Nov. 21—By Loan on Mortgage	$1,000.00	
Dec. 28—Taxes, Loan No. 17	204.08	
Dec. 28—Insurance, Loan No. 14	47.50	
Dec. 28—Insurance Loan No. 17-19	117.50	
Dec. 28—Taxes Loan No. 1	586.41	
Dec. 28—Taxes Loan No. 14-18	215.95	
1917.		
Feb. 6—Insurance Loan No. 18	47.50	
Mar. 8—Nason & Major	26.00	
Mar. 31—Balance	2,787.00	
		$5,031.94
1917.		
Mar. 31—To Balance	$2,787.00	

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1916. Debit.

Mar. 31—To Balance	$34,605.00	
Nov. 21—Mortgage Loan	1,000.00	
		$35,605.00

1916. Credit.

Dec. 8—By Loan Repayments	$450.00	
1917.		
Jan. 6—Loan Repayments	350.00	
Mar. 31—Balance	34,805.00	
		$35,605.00
Mar. 31—To Balance	$34,805.00	

JAMES G. DAGG,
Grand Treasurer.

Certified correct,
William Douglas,
Roland W. Robinson,
Auditors.

BENEVOLENT ACCOUNT

1916	Dr.		
Mar. 31	To Balance		$ 4.40
May 30	Interest	.06	
June 21	Deposit War Relief Fund	3,460.00	
Sep. 8	Deposit Interest	770.59	
Sep. 22	Deposit War Relief Fund	306.00	
Nov. 30	Interest	26.39	
Dec. 8	Deposit Interest	494.85	
1917			
Jan. 16	Deposit War Relief Fund	380.00	
Mar. 8	Deposit Interest	351.20	
Mar. 19	Deposit Interest	190.27	
Mar. 26	Deposit War Relief Fund	854.00	
			$6,833.36
			$6,837.76

1916	Cr.		
Sep. 21	Manitoba Patriotic Fund	$1,000.00	
Nov. 21	St. John's Ambulance	100.00	
Nov. 21	Canadian Red Cross Society	250.00	
Nov. 21	Belgian Relief Fund	250.00	
Nov. 21	Serbian Relief Fund	250.00	
Nov. 21	National Institute for the Blind	200.00	
Nov. 21	British Sailors Relief Fund	100.00	
Dec. 12	The Wm. McLellan Printers	62.00	
1917			
Mar. 20	Queen Mary's Hospital	240.12	
	Balance	4,385.64	
			$6,837.76
1917			
Mar. 31	Balance	4,385.64	

Certified Correct,
WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
ROLAND H. ROBINSON,
Auditors.

GEORGE N. JACKSON,
Chairman.
WILLIAM J. MAJOR,
Secy.-Treasurer.

On motion of R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg leave to present my Annual Report, containing an account of all moneys received by me and paid to the Grand Treasurer during the year ending March 31st, 1917; a detailed statement of the expenditures made, cash receipts, loss and gain, and balance sheet; a synopsis of the returns of the several Lodges to December 27th, 1916, together with, by instruction of the M.W. the Grand Master, a record of the by-laws and amendments thereto approved, dispensations issued, Grand Representatives appointed and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master emanating from this office and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Seven hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Clause 12, Section 58 of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

NEW LODGES

By direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, a dispensation was issued for the formation of the following new Lodge:

Favel Lodge at Minnetonas, Man., in the Ninth Masonic District. Eleven Charter Members. Dispensation issued November 30th, 1916, Bro. Henry W. H. Laing, Worshipful Master, Bro. David Reid, Senior Warden, Bro. William E. McDonald, Junior Warden. Instituted January 12th, 1917 by R.W. Bro. John R. Hume, District Deputy Grand Master.

BY-LAWS APPROVED

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-Laws of the following Lodge.

The Pas Lodge No. 124.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved amendments to the By-Laws of the following Lodges:—

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, St. John's Lodge No. 4, King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Treherne Lodge No. 51, Hiram Lodge No. 94, Reston Lodge No. 104, Union Lodge No. 108, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, St. James Lodge No. 121, Transcona Lodge No. 123.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. Alonzo E. Emerson, to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Lodge of Washington, vice Edward R. Hare.

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. Joseph Ramsay, to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Lodge of Costa Rica vice W. Bro. Gustavo Pridalla.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE

During the past year nominations for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been made as follows:—

R.W. Bro. William Conner, for the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED

The following dispensations have been issued during the past year, by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master.

TO ACT ON APPLICATION OF CANDIDATES RESIDING OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE LODGE

Date	Lodge	No.
Dec. 15	Cypress	82
May 8	St. James	121
May 12	Strathcona	117
June 7	Oakland	9

TO ELECT AND INSTALL

Date	Lodge	No.
Nov. 28	Prince Rupert's	1
Nov. 28	Ionic	25
Nov. 28	King Edward	93
Nov. 28	Transcona	123
Dec. 6	Ancient Landmark	3

Date	Lodge	No.
Dec. 6	Acacia	111
Dec. 6	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dec. 6	Norwood	119
Dec. 11	St. James	121
Dec. 11	St. John's	4
Dec. 11	Emerson	6
Dec. 11	Northern Light	10
Dec. 28	Gothic	75
Dec. 28	Elgin	86
Dec. 28	Crescent	103
Dec. 28	Kilwinning	110
Jan. 2	Treherne	51
Jan. 2	Napinka	77
Jan. 9	Belmont	13
Jan. 9	Binscarth	101
Mar. 23	Robbie Burns	100

TO CONFER DEGREES WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIME

Date	Lodge	No.
Jun. 14	Acacia	111
Jun. 14	Holland	63
Aug. 6	Belmont	13
Sep. 7	Holland	63
Sep. 7	Shoal Lake	92
Sep. 25	Prince Rupert's	1
Oct. 10	Oakland	9
Mar. 8	Ionic	25
Mar 26	Brandon	19

TO ACT ON APPLICATION OF CANDIDATE RE PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION

Date	Lodge	No.
Mar. 12	"The Assiniboine"	114

TO ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE

Date	Lodge	No.
Jun. 3	Prince Arthur	105
Jun. 3	Lansdowne	107
Jun. 6	Transcona	123
Jun. 17	Crescent	103
Jun. 17	Rivers	115
Jun. 17	Penza	120
Jun. 20	Oakland	9
Jun. 20	Neepawa	24
Jun. 20	Carberry	29
Jun. 24	Composite	64
Jun. 28	Napinka	77
Jun. 28	Belmont	13

Date	Lodge	No.
Jun. 28	Miniota	102
Jul. 4	Oak Lake	44
Jul. 24	Stonewall	12
Jul. 24	Carberry	29
Jul. 24	Elkhorn	74
Aug. 19	King Solomon	8
Sep. 25	Lebanon	43
Nov. 10	Lisgar	2
Nov. 20	Rathwell	87
May 5	Killarney	50
May 8	Ophir	112
May 17	Midlothian	90
May 17	Norwood	119
May 18	Belmont	13
May 28	Shoal Lake	92
May 28	Union	108

MEMBERSHIP

The following is a synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to December 27th, 1916:—

Membership, December 27th, 1915	------	------	7241
Initiated	------	348	------
Joined	------	139	------
Restored	------	25	------
Passed	336	------	------
Raised	294	------	------
Total Increase for the Year	------	------	512
			7753
Died	------	95	------
Dimitted	------	139	------
Suspended N. P. D.	------	126	------
Total Decrease for the Year	------	------	360
Total Membership, December 27th, 1916	------	------	7393

Total Increase, 152.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.W. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GRAND SECRETARY

THE GRAND SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND LODGE

Moneys Received between April 1st, 1916, and March 31st, 1917.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	$530.40	82.	Cypress	27.30
2.	Lisgar	83.75	84.	Hamiota	41.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	420.95	86.	Elgin	37.05
4.	St. John's	300.95	87.	Rathwell	45.05
6.	Emerson	40.00	90.	Midlothian	80.00
7.	Assiniboine	130.25	92.	Shoal Lake	100.25
8.	King Solomon	49.05	93.	King Edward	233.40
9.	Oakland	62.75	94.	Hiram	33.60
10.	Northern Light	197.35	99.	Lauder	37.95
11.	Gladstone	46.30	100.	Robbie Burns	37.70
12.	Stonewall	68.95	101.	Binscarth	62.25
13.	Belmont	77.50	102.	Miniota	38.00
14.	Prince of Wales	81.30	103.	Crescent	31.25
15.	Corinthian	29.25	104.	Reston	50.50
19.	Brandon	118.75	105.	Prince Arthur	46.75
24.	Neepawa	101.50	106.	Strathclair	29.75
25.	Ionic	258.10	107.	Lansdowne	26.10
27.	Glenwood	66.40	108.	Union	49.10
29.	Carberry	51.75	109.	Swan Lake	26.25
30.	Manitou	46.00	110.	Kilwinning	31.75
36.	Doric	40.50	111.	Acacia	124.45
39.	Birtle	51.75	112.	Ophir	53.75
40.	Deloraine	68.50	113.	Tweed	119.75
43.	Lebanon	54.05	114.	"The Assiniboine"	220.15
44.	Oak Lake	58.05	115.	Rivers	52.70
48.	Glenboro	31.65	116.	St. Andrews	32.00
49.	Temple	33.00	117.	Strathcona	28.65
50.	Killarney	83.50	118.	Mound	32.40
51.	Treherne	32.00	119.	Norwood	94.75
52.	Hartney	58.05	120.	Penza	29.80
54.	Oriental	44.00	121.	St. James	57.25
55.	East Star	34.50	122.	Roblin	39.85
62.	Russell	101.30	123.	Transcona	89.40
63.	Holland	90.50	124.	The Pas	20.75
64.	Composite	38.00	125.	Patricia	81.75
67.	Wawanesa	31.75	U.D.	Favel	25.00
68.	Vermillion	139.25	Interest		1,590.19
70.	Shiloh	23.75	Taxes		250.00
71.	Crystal	41.90	Aged & Indigent Masons' Fund		251.58
74.	Elkhorn	64.50			
75.	Gothic	38.50			
77.	Napinka	71.35			$8,250.77

ORDERS ISSUED

From April 1st, 1916, to March 31st, 1917.

No.	In whose favor drawn.	Amount	
1689	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	$ 600.00	
1690	Masonic Temple Assn., Rent	100.00	
1691	T. Harry Webb, Grand Treasurer, Salary	50.00	
1692	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1693	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Expense	40.50	
1694	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	65.60	
1695	Benevolent Fund	100.00	
1696	Wm. Fenwick, Special Grant	200.00	
1697	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery	14.50	
1698	W. F. Smith, Expense	8.00	
1699	H. E. Miller, Insurance	57.00	
1700	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Expense	42.50	
1701	T. J. Smith, Special Grant	20.00	
1702	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1703	Alex. Little, Expense	18.00	
1704	Manitoba Stencil and Stamp Works, Expense	2.75	
1705	D. R. Dingwall Ltd., Special Grant	50.00	
1706	Masonic Temple Assn., Rent	100.00	
1707	Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Co., Expense	35.76	
1708	W. C. Balfour, Special Grant	25.00	
1709	Joseph Wood, Special Grant	15.00	
1710	Charles Cannon, Special Grant	35.75	
1711	Taxes on Loan No. 17	174.08	
1712	Alex. Little, Expense	9.00	
1713	James C. McQuade, Lodge Seal	3.50	
1714	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Expense	11.00	
1715	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery and Expense	36.25	
1716	Reginald Lawson Co., Insurance	47.50	
1717	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Printing	316.50	
1718	Clark Bros. & Co., Ltd., Stationery and Expense	31.16	
1719	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	65.73	
1720	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00	
			$3,050.08

No.	In whose favor drawn	Amount	
	Amount brought forward	$3,050.08	
1721	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1722	Guarantee Co., of North America	11.25	
1723	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1724	Benevolent Fund, Interest	770.59	
1725	Dr. T. A. Cohoe, Special Grant	37.30	
1726	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00	
1727	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1728	H. E. Miller, Insurance	12.50	
1729	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1730	James G. Dagg, Grand Treasurer, Salary	50.00	
1731	Clark Bros., and Co., Ltd., Stock and Stationery	9.70	
1732	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Stationery	13.50	
1733	Masonic Temple Assn., Rent	100.00	
1734	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Expense and Postage	91.10	
1735	Benevolent Fund	494.85	
1736	Alex. Little, Expense	9.00	
1737	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stock and Expense	216.15	
1738	The Wm. McLellan Printers, Stock and Expense	16.50	
1739	Clark Bros. and Co., Ltd., Stationery	9.83	
1740	Masonic Temple Assn., Rent	100.00	
1741	S. C. Dinsmore, Special Grant	25.00	
1742	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00	
1743	Benevolent Fund	351.20	
1744	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00	
1745	Clark Bros. and Co., Ltd., Stationery	5.00	
1746	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	63.95	
1747	War Relief Fund	854.00	
			$7,991.50

CASH STATEMENT

1917	Dr.		
Mar. 31—	To Receipts	$8,250.77	
1916	Cr.		
May 29—	By James G. Dagg, Grand Treas.	$ 485.40	
Jul. 21—	" "	575.09	
Jul. 30—	" "	615.90	
Aug. 22—	" "	123.25	
Oct. 17—	" "	316.40	
Oct. 21—	" "	240.72	
Oct. 31—	" "	641.53	
Nov. 14—	" "	465.70	
Nov. 28—	" "	251.58	
Dec. 6—	" "	813.35	
Dec. 14—	" "	150.95	
Dec. 28—	" "	192.20	
1917			
Jan. 5—	" "	442.85	
Feb. 3—	" "	1,083.34	
Feb. 13—	" "	713.04	
Mar. 3—	" "	224.65	
Mar. 16—	" "	788.33	
Mar. 29—	" "	126.49	
			$8,250.77

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From April 1st, 1916, to March 31st, 1917.

Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund	$ 251.58	
Charters	45.00	
Dispensations	174.00	
Dues	3,841.50	
Initiations	708.00	
Interest	1,855.82	
L. M. Certificates	26.00	
L. M. Fees	130.00	
P. M. Certificates	60.00	
M. M. Certificates	648.00	
Stock	510.87	
		$8,250.77

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Charters	$ 36.10	
Dispensations	174.00	
Donations	2,797.62	
Dues	3,841.50	
Initiations	708.00	
Interest	1,855.82	
L. M. Certificates	26.00	
L. M. Fees	130.00	
M. M. Certificates	617.12	
P. M. Certificates	54.48	
Stock	216.83	
		$10,457.47

Loss.

Expense	$ 421.24	
Benevolent Board	162.00	
Fixtures	27.10	
Insurance	39.50	
Postage	166.00	
Printing	316.50	
Regalia	34.60	
Rent	400.00	
Salaries	3,100.00	
Stationery	68.29	
Special Grants	1,347.05	
Grand Lodge	4,375.47	
		$10,457.47

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	$178.25
2.	Lisgar	20.88
3.	Ancient Landmark	112.30
4.	St. John's	106.12
6.	Emerson	16.50
7.	Assiniboine	38.75
8.	King Solomon	17.50
9.	Oakland	19.50
10.	Northern Light	70.00
11.	Gladstone	15.63
12.	Stonewall	21.75
13.	Belmont	16.26
14.	Prince of Wales	12.25
15.	Corinthian	12.50
19.	Brandon	48.87
24.	Neepawa	31.98
25.	Ionic	83.76
27.	Glenwood	25.25
29.	Carberry	19.00
30.	Manitou	14.00
36.	Doric	12.75
39.	Birtle	11.99
40.	Deloraine	23.55
43.	Lebanon	20.90
44.	Oak Lake	11.90
48.	Glenboro	9.13
49.	Temple	13.75
50.	Killarney	16.80
51.	Treherne	14.50
52.	Hartney	16.65
54.	Oriental	14.12
55.	East Star	10.26
62.	Russell	18.75
63.	Holland	20.25
64.	Composite	13.90
67.	Wawanesa	9.38
68.	Vermillion	49.00
70.	Shiloh	11.63
71.	Crystal	12.35
74.	Elkhorn	21.75
75.	Gothic	10.24
77.	Napinka	8.88
82.	Cypress	7.63
84.	Hamiota	16.00
86.	Elgin	13.55
87.	Rathwell	8.65
90.	Midlothian	18.30
92.	Shoal Lake	15.65
93.	King Edward	74.00
94.	Hiram	7.00
99.	Lauder	7.00
100.	Robbie Burns	4.50
101.	Binscarth	6.75
102.	Miniota	9.76
103.	Crescent	10.00
104.	Reston	20.80
105.	Prince Arthur	15.40
106.	Strathclair	11.00
107.	Lansdowne	9.50
108.	Union	11.00
109.	Swan Lake	7.50
110.	Kilwinning	11.37
111.	Acacia	37.38
112.	Ophir	8.65
113.	Tweed	32.50
114.	"The Assiniboine"	76.75
115.	Rivers	16.76
116.	St. Andrews	6.63
117.	Strathcona	9.37
118.	Mound	11.13
119.	Norwood	28.05
120.	Penza	8.00
121.	St. James	20.15
122.	Roblin	7.50
123.	Patricia	15.13
124.	The Pas	5.51
U.D.	Favel	4.75
4.	St. John's Special Grant	100.00
		$1,907.10

BALANCE SHEET

March 31st, 1917

No.	Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit
1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 7.25	
3.	Ancient Landmark	9.20	
4.	St. John's	10.00	
8.	King Solomon	8.00	
9.	Oakland	2.50	
10.	Northern Light	8.50	
12.	Stonewall		7.10
15.	Corinthian		1.50
19.	Brandon	12.05	
25.	Ionic	13.25	
29.	Carberry	6.00	
36.	Doric	5.50	
54.	Oriental	2.00	
62.	Russell	2.50	
68.	Vermillion	11.00	
71.	Crystal	.20	
74.	Elkhorn	7.50	
75.	Gothic	1.50	
77.	Napinka	5.00	
87.	Rathwell	1.75	
93.	King Edward	2.50	
104.	Reston	6.75	
107.	Lansdowne	6.00	
109.	Swan Lake	.75	
111.	Acacia	.75	
112.	Ophir		3.40
113.	Tweed	1.50	
114.	"The Assiniboine"	3.90	
115.	Rivers	6.00	
116.	St. Andrews	5.60	
		$147.45	$12.00

No. Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit
Amount Forward.......	$147.45	$12.00
119. Norwood	2.55	
121. St. James	6.75	
125. Patricia	47.20	
U.D. Favel	13.40	
Charters	42.30	
Fixtures	514.40	
Library	2,383.68	
M. M. Certificates	41.12	
P. M. Certificates	5.04	
Regalia	657.10	
Stock	547.85	
War Relief Fund		2,609.88
Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund	2,787.00	
Benevolent Fund	4,385.64	
Current Account	2,838.03	
Investment Account	34,805.00	
Taxes and Insurance	968.94	
Grand Lodge of Manitoba		47,571.57
	$50,193.45	$50,193.45

Certified Correct,
WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
ROLAND W. ROBINSON,
Auditors.

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I respectfully present my Annual Report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library.

Cloth Bound Proceedings Donated.

Grand Lodge of Arkansas for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Fay, Hempstead, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Colorado for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Charles H. Jacobson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Delaware for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Virginius V. Harrison, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Georgia for 1916, from R.W. Bro. W. A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Iowa for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Kentucky for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Dave Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Mississippi for 1917, from R.W. Bro. Frederick G. Speed, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New York for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Edward M. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of New Zealand for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1916, from R.W. Bro. John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Ohio for 1916, from R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Oklahoma for 1916, from R.W. Bro. William M. Anderson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Tennessee for 1916-1917, from R.W. Bro. Steth M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Texas for 1916, from R.W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Vermont for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of West Virginia for 1916, from R.W. Bro. John M. Collins, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for 1916, from R.W. Bro. William W. Perry, Grand Secretary.

Digests, Codes, etc., Donated.

Proceedings of all Sister Grand Lodges recognized by this Grand Body.

Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1917, from R.W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England.

Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the State of New York, for 1916, from Ill. Bro. William Homan.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, for 1916, from Ill. Bro. James H. Codding, Grand Secretary-General.

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada, for 1917, from R.E. Companion Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, for 1916, from Ill. Bro., John H. Cowles, Grand Secretary-General.

The National Geographic Magazine Monthly, for 1917, from M.W. Bro. J. W. Harris, Honorary Past Grand Master.

Masonic Code of North Dakota, for 1916, from R.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

Publications Donated.

Melita Enterprise
MacGregor Herald
Universal Freemason
American Freemason
Square and Compass
The Toronto Freemason
The Tennessee Mason
The Silent Echo
Masonic Tribune
Masonic Home
Selkirk Weekly Herald
The Masonic Trowel
Brotherhood
The Texas Freemason
Masonic Chronicler (Chicago)

Books Purchased

The following books have been purchased by the Library Committee during the past year:—

The Builders (3 volumes), by J. F. Newton.
Mystic Masonry, by J. D. Buck.
Traces of a Hidden Tradition, by Mrs. Cooper Oakley.

The Genius of Freemasonry, by J. D. Buck.
Rationale and Ethics of Freemasonry, by A. C. L. Arnold.
By-Ways of Freemasonry, by J. T. Lawrence.
The Mission of Masonry, by Madison C. Peters.
True Principles of Freemasonry, by M. R. Grant.
The Arcana of Freemasonry, by Dr. Albert Churchward,
Life of Sir Charles Tupper, by J. W. Longley.

Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks and assurance of our deep appreciation to all who have so kindly remembered us with donations.

Reading Room

The annual donation of Ninety dollars ($90.00) from the Six Blue Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple has been expended in the usual manner in the purchase of reading matter for the reading room.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of R.W. Bro. William Conner (13), seconded by R.W. Bro. William H. Sparling (14), the report of the Grand Lodge Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

It is a pleasure to acquaint you of the proceedings of the Board of General Purposes during the last year. Nine meetings were held. They were well attended and marked by earnest discussions.

At the first meeting M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh was re-elected President, and M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker elected Vice-President.

One of the early acts was to pass a resolution recommending that this Grand Lodge make R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard an Honorary Life Member of the Board in recognition of his long and useful service in the Craft.

In order to comply with instructions issued last year by this Grand Lodge a Committee on Masonic Research and Education was formed and encouraged to commence work.

Five members of the Board were delegated to revise the Book of Constitution. They accomplished much, but will be unable to submit a completed revision until June, 1918.

A change was made in the method of registering Grand Lodge delegates and distributing ballot forms. It is hoped the work will be expedited thereby.

Instructions were given to draft a simpler form of ballot. This matter is under consideration.

A petition to grant a dispensation to form a Masonic Lodge at Minitonas, Man., to be known as "Favel Lodge," was favorably recommended to the M.W. Grand Master.

As some Secretaries had posted in open envelopes notices of Lodge meetings, the Board condemned this practice and appealed to the M.W. Grand Master to issue a general circular prohibiting it.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the use of Masonic Emblems other than those authorized by a regularly constituted Lodge of Masons, is wrong, and that the subject be brought to the attention of the brethren who are revising the Book of Constitution.

A program of work for this communication was drafted and distributed. It is hoped it may commend itself to your good judgment.

A petition to grant a dispensation to form a Masonic Lodge at Winnipeg, Manitoba, to be known as "Fort Garry Lodge," was very carefully considered, but the Board was unable to favorably recommend it to the M.W. Grand Master.

Elkhorn Lodge, No. 74, was granted permission to mortgage its property to the extent of $3,000.00.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education was instructed to procure for distribution among the Lodges, upon application, copies of addresses on Masonic Subjects notifying them of the hope of the M.W. the Grand Master that they mark by special ceremony the 200th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. This Committee complied with these agreeable instructions and sent every lodge suitable data for the ceremony.

Your Board after consulting with the Committee on Benevolence decided to accept the regulations governing the Benevolent Fund as drafted by the Committee on Constitution in place of those already distributed.

Considerable progress has been made in connection with the charge to be delivered to the Applicant for initiation by the Board of Trial. Reference to this was made in our report of a year ago, but we have not as yet arrived at a definite wording.

An invitation has been received through the Past Masters' Association from the Winnipeg Brethren to a Luncheon at the Fort Garry Hotel, at noon on Thursday, June 14th, 1917. This annual event is eagerly looked forward to by our brethren and we wish to express our appreciation to this organization for their yearly kindness in this matter.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this Communication of Grand Lodge:—

R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher
V.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin
R.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid
R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor
R.W. Bro. Benjamin B. Halladay
R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart
V.W. Bro. John McRae.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY J. PUGH, President.

Objection was taken by V.W. Bro. John McRae (1) to the action of the Board on the "Petition for a new lodge to be known as Fort Garry Lodge." After a lengthy discussion it was moved by M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113), seconded by R.W. Bro. James F. C. Menlove (43), and

Resolved—That the report of the Board of General Purposes as submitted be adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully submits the following:

(A) INDEX OF PAST GRAND MASTERS' DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1)	Canvassing for office in subordinate Lodge	1908, Vol. VI.	(435)
(2)	Deposition of a W.M.	1902, Vol. V.	(305)
(3)	Emblems, Wearing of	1911	
(4)	Index of Grand Master's Decisions	1902, Vol. V.	(368)
(5)	Insignia of Rank to be worn	1904, Vol. V.	(555)
(6)	Past Masters to guide and instruct Brethren	1904, Vol. V.	(555)
(7)	Refusal to obey summons	1902, Vol. V.	(306)
(8)	Regalia, Wearing in Public	1905, Vol. VI.	(33)
(9)	Third Degree, Examination after	1904, Vol. V.	(555)

(B) INDEX OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

(1)	Aged and Indigent Masons Fund.		
	Appointment of Committee to enquire into	1910, Vol. VII.	(77)
	Contribution to, of 25 cents per member annually	1914, Vol. VII.	(645)
(2)	Applications for affiliation to be endorsed on Life Members Certificates	1912, Vol. VII.	(362)
(3)	Ballot, no change in Method of Balloting	1916, Vol. VIII.	(205)
(4)	Charge to applicant for initiation	1916, Vol. VIII.	(205)
(5)	Canadian Volunteers Field Hospital Fund	1915, Vol. VIII.	(65)
(6)	Communication of G.L. of Oregon	1914, Vol. VII.	(646)
(7)	Certificate of Good Standing for members visiting outside of this	1904, Vol. V.	(605)
(8)	Custody of Regalia of Grand Lodge	1911, Vol. VII.	
	When to be worn	1911, Vol. VII.	(221)
	For representatives near G.L. of England, Ireland and Scotland	1911, Vol. VII.	(221)
	Near G.L. of Alberta and Sask.	1911, Vol. VII.	(221)

(9)	Districts should provide regalia for D.D.G.M.	1884-1886		
(10)	Districts should pay expenses of D.D.G.M.	1885,	Vol. II.	(45)
(11)	Examining Committee should include a P.M. or the W.M.	1910,	Vol. VII.	(77)
(12)	Examination of visitors	1904,	Vol. V.	(605)
(13)	First Masonic District, Lodges, of	1915,	Vol. VII.	(65)
(14)	Grant of $1,000 to G.L. of Alberta	1908,	Vol. VI.	(487)
(15)	Grant of $1,000 to G.L. of Saskatchewan	1908,	Vol. VI.	(487)
(16)	Grand Honors in public, abolished	1912,	Vol. VII.	(363)
(17)	Grand Honors, how given	1912,	Vol. VII.	(363)
(18)	Grant to committee on entertainment, for Brandon meeting	1914,	Vol. VII.	(645)
(19)	Healing Masons of G.L. of Ontario	1896,	Vol. IV.	(207)
(20)	Investment in hand in excess of $500	1892,	Vol. III.	
(21)	Incorporation of G.L. in N.W.T.	1895,	Vol. IV.	(60)
(22)	Joint G.L. meetings of Man. Sask., Alta. and B.C.	1914,	Vol. VII.	(646)
(23)	Library, steps taken to form new	1896,	Vol. IV.	(206)
(24)	Life Members Certificates accompanying applications for affiliation to be endorsed	1912,	Vol. VII.	(362)
(25)	Opening hours of first session of communication of G.L.	1916,	Vol. VIII.	(206)
(26)	Pall Bearers at Masonic Funerals must be Freemasons	1914,	Vol. VII.	(645)
(27)	Petitions for new lodge to be submitted to B. of G.P.	1913,	Vol. VII.	(505)
(28)	Petition of Yukon Lodge No. 79, to surrender Warrant and apply to G. L. of B.C.	1907,	Vol. VII.	(360)
(29)	Physical qualifications of membership in Grand Lodge	1916,	Vol. VIII.	(205)
(30)	Receipt for dues and visiting certificate	1912,	Vol. VII.	(362)
(31)	Regalia for Representatives near G.L. of Alberta and Sask.	1911,	Vol. VII.	(221)
(32)	Regalia for Representatives near G.L. of England, Ireland and Scotland	1912,	Vol. VII.	(362)
(33)	Regalia of G.L., when to be worn	1911,	Vol. VII.	(221)
(34)	Regalia of G.L., custody of	1911,	Vol. VII.	(221)
(35)	Rental of Masonic Temple increased	1904,	Vol. V.	(605)

(36)	Tenth Masonic District, Lodges of	1915, Vol. VIII. (65)
(37)	Visiting certificate	1912, Vol. VII. (362)
(38)	Visitor must produce documentary evidence of Good Standing of dimit	1912, Vol. VII. (362)

Fraternally submitted,
HENRY, L. ADOLPH, Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), seconded by R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

We, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg to report as follows:

During the past year there has been but one matter to come before us, and that is the matter of the Hamiota Lodge, No. 84, versus Brother John Nairn, of that Lodge.

In this case Brother John Nairn was tried for Unmasonic Cunduct, under the charge that he did defraud, cheat, and wrong certain brothers, members of that Lodge, and was convicted and sentenced to indefinite suspension, against which, under date of May the twenty-fifth, 1917, Brother Nairn appeals.

A careful investigation of the documents handed to your Committee by the Grand Secretary reveals the fact that the proceedings of the Hamiota Lodge in connection with this trial have been conducted properly and in order; and your Committee is of the opinion that the appeal of Brother Nairn should be disallowed, and that the verdict of the Committee of Trial of the Hamiota Lodge, that Brother Nairn is guilty of the offences charged, and that he be indefinitely suspended from the said Lodge, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES F. C. MENLOVE, Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. James F. C. Menlove, Chairman (43) seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113. The report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

We have pleasure in advising you that all indebtedness incurred during the year ended March 31st, 1917 has been paid, and that our General Account shows a balance of practically the same as the previous year, notwithstanding the special grant of $854.00 for war relief work. This is a matter for congratulation when we consider the trying times through which we are passing.

We recommend the following appropriations for the year April 1st, 1917 to March 31st, 1918:—

Grand Secretary's Salary	$2,400.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary	600.00
Grand Tyler	20.00
Printing Proceedings, 1917	350.00
Grand Master, for Expenses	200.00
Office Rent	400.00
Stationery and Postage	300.00
Grant to Committee on Masonic Research and Education	100.00
Grant to Library	50.00
Contingent Expenses	300.00
International Bureau of Masonic Affairs, Switzerland	50.00

We recommend also that the sum of $300.00 be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master for the purpose of paying the travelling expenses of Officers of Grand Lodge whom he may wish to accompany him on his official visits, or commission to do special work on his behalf.

We further recommend that the travelling expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters be not borne by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. WALKER, Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), seconded by W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges begs to report as follows:—

The only Lodge working under dispensation at the present time is Favel Lodge, situated at Minetonas, Man. It was instituted on January 12th, 1917, and held its first regular meeting on February 13th, 1917. The Lodge appears from the records before us to be in good condition. The period of four months specified by the constitution has elapsed, and your Committee should now be in a position to recommend the granting of a charter. Owing, however, to the fact that we have no official report concerning the Lodge we feel that we can only recommend that the dispensation be continued for a further period of twelve months.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. WALKER REID, Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. J. C. Walker Reid (52), seconded by R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

We, your Committee on Investments, submit herewith for your consideration a statement of the operations of "The Aged and Indigent Mason's Fund" for the year ended March 31st, 1917.

April 1st, 1916—	
Mortgage Investments	$34,605.00
Cash in Bank	1,385.41
Assessments and donations received during year	2,797.62
Interest on Bank Account	48.91
March 31st, 1917—	
Total Assets	$38,836.94

which amount is made up of $35,799.94 mortgage investments and advances made on account of same, and $3,037 cash in Bank. During the year the sum of $1,833.36 interest on investments was collected and handed over to the Benevolent Fund Committee.

One of our mortgages became so badly in default during the year that it was necessary for us to realize on our security. The covenant of the mortgagor being of no value and the land free of other encumbrances, we took a transfer of the property to the Grand Lodge in order to avoid the costs of foreclosure. We have now leased the property at a good rental with the option of turning it into a purchase within two years, and expect it will eventually be sold to this party at a price that will recover all our principal and charges, and most of our interest.

There was a considerable amount of interest and taxes in arrears on our mortgages at the commencement of the year, and our best endeavors are being exercised to put the different accounts in better shape, and we expect that the coming year will show a considerable improvement in this respect. We, however, have some rather poor loans on our books which require close supervision and under existing circumstances it will take some time to get them in good shape. Where the owners are keeping the accounts from getting further in arrears, or are gradually reducing their liability, we consider it better to carry them along than to take over the security. The Investment Committee for the past year being practically all new members, we have made a personal inspection of a number of the properties on which we have mortgages, so that we would be in a position to deal intelligently with any matters that arose regarding our investments. It is our intention, if reappointed, to personally inspect the balance of our securities during the present summer.

A number of matured loans have been renewed during the year at higher rates of interest.

The revenue from our investments is as yet comparatively limited and it is only by increasing the amount of our principal that we can hope to make any material increase in the interest derived therefrom. During the year St. John's Lodge, No. 4, made a donation of $100 to the principal amount of our fund in addition to their regular assessments. This generous assistance on their part is much appreciated and it is respectfully suggested that Lodges and individual members will remember The Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund when making their contributions to charitable purposes. We can rely only on our own members to increase the amount of the Fund, and it is highly desirable that our investments should be enlarged as much as possible so as to provide sufficient income to take care of the increasing demands that will be made upon us for relief within the ranks of our own membership.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM R. McCONNELL,
JAMES G. DAGG,
JAMES A. OVAS,
Committee on Investments.

On motion of R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), seconded by W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), the report of the Investment Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Auditors beg to report that they have audited the books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer also the Benevolent Fund Account under the care of the Committee on Benevolence for the year ended March 31st, 1917, and certify as to the correctness of same.

All monies received by the Grand Secretary have been duly deposited to the respective accounts in the Canadian Bank of Commerce and vouchers covering payments made have been produced for our inspection.

The statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary as presented are a correct exhibit of the financial position of the Grand Lodge as at the end of the accounting period ended March 31st, 1917, being as follows:—

Benevolent Account		$ 4,385.64
Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund		2,787.00
Current Account		2,838.03
Investment Account		34,805.00
Ledger Accounts, Library, Fixtures, Regalia, etc.		5,377.78
		$50,193.45
Less Credit to Lodges	$ 12.00	
War Relief Fund	2,609.88	
		2,621.88
Net Capital Account		$47,571.57

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
ROLAND H. ROBINSON, Auditors.

On motion of R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), seconded by V.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), the report of the Auditors was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

A section of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence presented to you last year read as follows:—

> "Your Committee would respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge that steps be taken to form a Research Committee of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and to give them a small appropriation to spend in disseminating among our Lodges information about current articles in Masonic periodicals, and in sending copies of suitable educational articles to be read in our Lodges. Give to them, also, the duty of arranging a course of Masonic study in the Lodges, the forming of study clubs, and any other activity that would tend to the further enlightenment of our Brethren."

Accordingly, the Board of General Purposes appointed five of its members a Committee on Masonic Research and Education. Deeply sensible of the great possibilities for mutual benefit by the plan, and of the necessity for energetic action, we have deplored our inefficiency and lack of funds. It was thought that during this hour of dire distress throughout the civilized world this very laudable work should be overshadowed by weightier and more urgent demands upon the Brethren. Thus, it was deemed advisable to defer asking for a generous grant of money in order to try to launch what should be a stately ship on the great ocean of Masonic knowledge. However, the Lodges were notified that copies of a number of addresses on Masonic topics were ready for distribution. Thirty applied for and received them. From the letters of appreciation received may be inferred that the initiatory effort commended itself, and greater work by us was desired. The wisdom of having more general criticism and suggestion from the Lodges cannot be too strongly emphasized as the best means of learning the needs of all, and establishing co-operative effort.

We are of the opinion that a Brother who has had the inspiration to prepare an address is best fitted to present it. He should be most able to make understood the beauty of his production, and to direct discussion. It might thus be well that District Meetings be convened and that addresses be read by their authors.

In view of the exalted status given to the Order by the incorporation of lofty moral principles during the early part of the eighteenth century, the suggestion was made to the Lodges that they commemorate by special ceremony the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Mother Grand Lodge—the Grand Lodge of England. Suitable data were sent to them for the occasion.

In a bulletin recently issued, the National Research Society, Anamosa, Iowa, states that:

> "On March 1st, 1917, more than one thousand Lodges and Study Clubs throughout the United States and Canada were either considering, or had already commenced work on our plan for the promotion of the systematic study of Masonry. Nearly every Grand Master in America during the past two years has laid stress upon the duty of promoting Masonic Education. But this is not the best part of it. The fact is that a snappy method of instruction in what Masonry means will enlist, not only the co-operation of the Brethren, but their enthusiasm. They want to know, and they will come out to meetings regularly if they know they can get the information. What our Institution needs is not more members, but better informed Masons."

As the least expensive means of inviting attention to the utility of Masonic instruction hope is herein expressed that the Wor. Master of every Lodge resolve its members into a Study Club. Its activities would be almost limitless, and embrace every branch of wholesome, useful learning. Study, by bringing the student into close communion with the best thought of the present and the past, quickens and broadens his sympathies and humanities, and inspires within his breast a deeper and nobler conception of life and duty—a sense of citizenship beyond the inspiration or understanding of the illiterate. If in this respect alone the aspirations of Freemasonry were brought to their fruition, and humanity had acquired a fair fund of wholesome, useful knowledge, and further, were quickened by the Grace of God, there would be a condition, social and economic, in its humanity and beauty transcending the best that the world has known.

In referring to Masonic study and research, Brother Andrew L. Randall, Texas, says that

> "There can be no real zeal for an institution whose history and mission we only vaguely comprehend; no real conformity to regulations, expressed and implied, whose precepts and requirements we only vaguely understand. Know-

> ledge of great principles and great deeds is the foundation of true zeal; only knowledge of laws and regulations will bring about true conformity to them."

In an address of great power he states further that

> "The only avenue to light, more light, and further light in Masonry is that found in the thoughtful study of its history—in painstaking research into its voluminous records."

Again he says,—

> "My Brethren, the riches of Masonry lie dormant beneath the careless feet of the untutored and uninspired Mason content to exist upon the crusts of Masonry; always concealing, never revealing, their fabulous wealth. The golden nuggets of its principles, the shining silver of its philosophy, the glistening diamonds of its everlasting truths enrich him not; be builds no house of refuge from its Cedars of Lebanon; he may not transport its life-sustaining treasures to alleviate the wants of his struggling brother man. I want this Grand Lodge in its wisdom to find some way to enable us to gather the riches of Masonic history, Symbolism and Philosophy—to become learned in those eternal principles and wise precepts that have for centuries prompted, and will for centuries to come promote, the reign of Happiness, Righteousness and Freedom."

Study Clubs would deepen the tone of discussion, and create a strong friendly rivalry among Lodges. Besides, well-informed Brethren should know best how to reflect the lofty teachings of the Order, widen its sphere of influence, and help to further the common weal.

In these clubs the Masonic journal "The Builder," published monthly by The National Masonic Research Society, Anamosa, Iowa, would be very helpful.

It is further suggested that the Grand Master's Address, Report of Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, and of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry be read in Lodges and discussed. They contain valuable information and hence are worthy of careful study.

While in accord with the principle of husbanding monied resources in order to render aid to the destitute and stricken, we respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge authorize the spending of the sum of One Hundred Dollars in fostering the work of Masonic Research and Education.

Acknowledgment is hereby gratefully tendered to Most Wor. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, Grand Master; Right Wor. Bro. Alexander McIntyre, Grand Junior Warden, and Very Wor. Bro. Albert L. Crossin for their courtesy and interest in contributing Masonic addesses of exceptional merit.

The work done is a drop in an ocean, but the idea of failure should not be entertained. One should be encouraged by the fact that a great thing may have a small beginning. The mighty oak is an evolution of the acorn. It strlggled long and valiantly before attaining to full flower of majesty and strength. As under the fructifying influence of the sun an insignificant acorn becomes a symmetrical giant, so may the small beginning here made, fostered by mutual earnestness, sympathy and brotherly love, develop an influence of moral and intellectual uplift to the Brethren and the State.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. WALKER, Convener.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12), the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

It is a part of the Divine Plan that Man is dependent. This principle is manifest in every period of his existence. It is woven into the universal webb of life, and given reference in the great question, "Am I my brother's keeper"? We are a family of children, separated, it is true, by divers opinions and customs, yet united in a common hope to attain to a higher state. Thus deep in the heart of every mason is alight a torch to guide his faltering steps. He is conscious of its presence and fascinated by it. He treasures it as no other possession, knowing that it is necessary to happiness and diginity, to exalt this life above the commonplace of existence ending in death.

If born merely to live and die one has little incentive, nothing for which to hope, no goal to gain. A great conception is essential to ennoble Man, to inspire him with a purpose, hope and courage. This conception is God.

Animated by His Spirit and the hope of Immortality the heart is encouraged to have a sweet outlook on life, and to try to reflect it towards others. It learns to understand somewhat of the great symbol—the universe,—and that to the heart properly attuned to the teaching of the Word of God "through the shadow" means not finally, the end, but instead, the entrance to a glorified life. To all the road to the City lies open. He stands without prejudice and directs the way. He sends forth the message, "Come unto Me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give thee rest." What could equal this great message in its influence upon the human heart? What compared with its blessings is the severing of earthly ties? One gains this haven of rest by "walking in His footsteps," and bodily passing through death, a shaded avenue leading into eternal sunlight.

It is of concern to us that during the year, 1916, ninety-five Brethren of this jurisdiction passed through the avenue. Of this number thirty-one fell on the field of battle or were reported missing. This was the greatest yearly death toll in our history. Reports from Sister jurisdictions recorded that the sands of time ran fast. Appended hereto is the list as reported to date:

Rev. William Pinckney Smith, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of South Carolina, died April 23rd, 1916.

Robert Crosby Hill, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington, died May 10th, 1916.

William Amos DeBord, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died May 17, 1916.

Lucian Ely Wood, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan, died June 5th, 1916.

William Mitchell Shaver, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas, died July 6th, 1916.

Caswell A. Goodloe, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died July 12th, 1916.

Edward R. Hare, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, died July 16th, 1916.

Jonas Warren Brown, Grand Chaplain and Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Idaho, died September 15, 1916.

John C. Drewry, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died October 2nd, 1916.

Abraham T. Metcalf, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan, died October 28th, 1916.

Albert B. Ashley, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, died November 1st, 1916.

William C. Bennett, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died November 8th, 1916.

Harry C. Snyder, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Wyoming, died November 23rd, 1916.

Campbell Wells, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Missouri, died December 14, 1916.

Zuingle M. Baird, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died December 17, 1916.

Charles Billings Chapman, Grand Trustee, Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died December 28th, 1916.

James H. Farnum, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan, died January 19, 1917.

George E. Grimes, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Indiana, died January 30th, 1917.

Robert Liddell, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died February 3rd, 1917.

John Silas Brooks, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Mississippi, died March 17th, 1917.

William Joseph Akers, Past Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Ohio, died March 23rd, 1917.

Archibald William Campbell, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, died April 1st, 1917.

William Henry Meffert, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, died April 10th, 1917.

Alfred W. Emery, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Indiana, died April 12th, 1917.

James William Hopper, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, died May 8th, 1917.

William A. Brodie, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York, died May 10th, 1917.

Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of New York, died May 28th, 1917.

William Marshall Black, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died May 9th, 1917.

Let us pause in our proceedings in humble homage before the will of Him who is the Way and the Light, and let our hearts beat a note of sympathy for those bereaved. May they be comforted and strengthened by the Great Message.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. WALKER, Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71), the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.30 o'clock p.m. until 8.15 o'clock p.m.

First Day = Evening Session

RESUMED LABOR

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 13th, at 8.15 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

"In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row by row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still singing bravely fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved; and, now we lie in Flanders' fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you, from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If you break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep though poppies grow."

M.W. Sir and Brethren, the theme, so well expressed in these few lines, is the theme that lies at the very centre of our Holy of Holies in national and in private life. This theme, moreover, is the heart and soul of all Masonic effort since August, 1914. The nation is at war. Every citizen is at war. No one is exempt from the duties and the dangers that the situation imposes. The more thoroughly we understand these facts and regulate our lives by them, the more nearly shall we meet the demands of the coutnry and the shorter will be the time that these demands will last.

Whatever have been our own personal interests, we must subordinate, and, if need be, sacrifice them to the national interests. There are no exceptions. It is a superficial view to suppose that we have done our duty when we have hung out the flag, tried to persuade others to join the army or the navy, sung patriotic songs, borne our share of the heavy taxes uncomplainingly, and approved the measures that Parliament and the Provinces have taken or may take. We must give our thought, our time and our effort to the active and aggressive work of carrying the Canadian nation to victory; of winning the great struggle for truth and honesty and righteousness between the nations of the world; in a word, of saving democracy for the children yet unborn. From this very hour we should assume that the war will last a long time; that it will require the whole service of every one who can do anything to help either in the ranks or behind them, and that we may eventually have to endure hardships and to make sacrifices as great as those made by the Motherland and by France.

M.W. Sir and Brethren, we make no apology for introducing such a topic under the heading of "The Condition of Freemasonry." We must do our part at home, and this occasion is a call to the living. No commemoration of the dead is worthy that does not aim at a dedication of the living. We yield, therefore, to the noble impulse which is surely stirring in every Masonic heart on a day like this. Let us quietly but earnestly consecrate ourselves to the difficult and holy task of making supreme in all departments of Canadian national life those principles of liberty and justice, of truth and honor, for which our splendid dead gave up their lives; for which our living heroes suffer to-day in dressing station and hospital, or face bullet and bayonet, bomb and gas and liquid fire on the shell-torn fields of France. Our boys at Vimy Ridge moved forward to the attack at break of day. May this prove to be symbolic of the dawn of a new day here, that shall reveal a better Canada, most fitting monument of those who fell that she may rise.

There are rumours, Brethren, of greater or lesser moment, expressive of views of life rather contrary to those stated. There are individual members, and it may be that there are individual Lodges, holding the policy of a "Laissez faire" while the great war lasts. It is true we look back to the opening half of 1914 as to an age gone forever. Make no mistake about this, Brethren, except that we were all alive then and can remember, it has become now almost as remote as historical as the days before the French Revolution. Our days, our methods, our actions are now so different. We have been brought up against such elementary realities of danger, need and restraint as one never before realized. This war will not only end an attack upon human liberty but will introduce a new epoch. With peace will come not only a new age but a new world. In a few short months the Empire has made of itself a mighty military power. With a passionate loyalty in all its loose-knit parts, it has flung itself as one man upon the enemy. We have greatness in our blood and the greatness manifested itself in the hour of trial. Who should desire to go back to the old days when our ideal of life seemed to be summed up in "pleasure"?

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal,
'Dust thou art, to dust returneth'
Was not spoken of the soul."

Why should we fold our arms at such a moment in our history? The spirit of sacrifice and camaraderie, which our men at the front have shown and are showing, may well inspire us as a Masonic brotherhood to maintain and uphold in their complete and vital proportions and meanings the things of Freemasonry that are really worth while. Let us not forget that there is no such thing in life as "marking time." There is either progression or drift. Every motive of our practice, and every doctrine of our faith are being sifted and challenged and examined in the crucible of a fierce and tremendous experience. There should be no "Mr. Micawbers" among the seven thousand good and true men who have arrayed themselves beneath our banner. The men who "have come out of the mouth of hell" will come back to begin their lives over again. They will not be the same men as we sent to fight our battles. They will come back to us with views of life fresh coined, and with an enthusiasm tremendously in earnest. Are we trimming our sails and taking advantage of our day?

"O strength Divine of Roman days,
O Spirit of the Age of Faith
Go with our boys on all their ways
When we long since are dust and wraith."

Nothing will ever be the same again. We must make the best of a harder and narrower world, the world that is soon to be. Europe can rebuild herself only by that stern efficiency of Rome when she first rose by the Tiber. The curfew hour of all who survive these tragic days will be late, the play hours short, and the pleasure-money small. But, despite all the prophets of woe, the changed world will be a better world. These days of test and agony have hacked out new touchstones of worth. Thousands of new men will come home from the battle fields to claim voice and power among the nation builders. Thousands of women who have done the home work of the absent and have kept their hearths shining will demand a share in this reconstruction. Masons should never forget that to mothers, sisters, wives, daughters and sweethearts this war has been a war of stupendous sacrifice, magnificient service and whole-hearted devotion. Neither marionettes who would dance us back to the old fancy fair, nor revolutionaries who would lead us to worse than Armageddon, will prevail. It will be a new world and nothing will be the same again. But for its burden and all its sorrow, it will not be a worse world unless the Allies are tricked into peace before the militarism of Prussia is thoroughly broken.

Brethren, we profess to believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, but we fear that our actions are often poles asunder from such a belief. Oh, the pity of it all! That there is ample work for Freemasonry to accomplish in its chosen mission to elevate mankind is pitifully, yea even pathetically, evidenced by this unspeakable calamity that now overshadows the whole civilized world. The accomplishment of the dreams of idealists, of "Peace on earth, good will to men" dreams that a few years ago seemed to be in a fair way toward realization is now apparently as far from solution as in the most brutal ages of the world's history. We expected, as Masons, we had a right to expect that the influence of millions of a Craft that has professed to believe in the doctrine of a world as a great brotherhood, would have so leavened the whole war-bent mass that such a calamity as we are now experiencing might have been averted. We must begin at the beginning once more. If we can only get men to act as if every other man were their brother, we shall have solved the problems now pressing so hard for a fair consideration. We fear that this belief of ours has not become a real passion. Men as a rule do not love their brethren, nor anything else except themselves. Men want money, they want power, they want position, but they do not want any brotherhood which is likely to cost them anything. We fool ourselves into fancying that we give things. We give mighty little. The essence of all real giving is that the giver must feel his loss, must suffer for his generosity. Do we so give? Let us not be mistaken, Brethren, we are only playing at charity yet, but we are learning, and the report of the Committee on Masonic Benevolence should surely prove an incentive in these days of storm and stress.

> "I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame,
> I was a father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not
> I searched out."

> "And it came to pass that from that time forth that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah."

So build we, M.W. Sir and Brethren, and so maintain we the institution which we are pleased to designate **Freemasonry.** There must be that perfect trust and that perfect confidence which was the ideal of our forefathers and which must be ours if the temple is to remain in its beauty after the workmen have removed the scaffolding. If we have read the reports and have heard and interpreted aright the heart-throbs of the Brethren in this eventful and trying year when we have been drawn together as never before, the **condition of Freemasonry**, in the main, is sound. The great virtue, after all, of our meeting in Grand Lodge from time to time is not because we have a record to review, nor figures to analyze, nor material gain to count, nor because in it we have an occasion to boast of the past, nor to exhibit prideful prejudices of the future. The great virtue is that we are enabled to strike the heart-strings of a great common fellowship, share in each other's joys and sorrows, and imbibe in the presence of the great and noble of our fraternity the qualities which make for successful Masonic character. When one learns that down in one's heart every man is as vile, as noble, as divine and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to love and to forgive his fellowmen. When one knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins. When one has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When one knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When one has kept faith with himself, with his fellow-man, with his God—glad to live but not afraid to die. Such a man has discovered the only real secret of Masonry.

The reports of the R.W., the D.D.G. Masters of the several Masonic subdivisions of this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction are earnestly recommended to your perusal and contemplation. No man should know the Masonic tone of a district to the same extent as does the official over-seer.

It is not the intention of the Committee, therefore, to make any close analysis of these reports further than to draw attention to such remarks as appear to them to be of a general character and therefore of interest to the whole Masonic body. Your Committee greatly regret that they have not been as helpful to the District Deputies and to the individual Lodges as they should wish. This, however, in the present nature of things, is impossible. We believe that Freemasonry lives best in the open air and not in the cloister. We believe that Freemasonry at its inception was for full-grown, red-blooded, manly men, and not for weaklings. We have felt, and we still feel that it is possible for such a board as ours to get into touch with and to keep in touch with every Lodge in this Jurisdiction and to act as a sort of centre for considerable Masonic effort and greater Masonic articulation. But we cannot hope to reach such a desirable vantage ground without calling into play some extra sacrifice of time and energy on the part of ourselves and of our Masonic overseers.

To be more explicit, we should like to have realized the suggestion of furnishing interim reports, say on the first of December and on the first of May. These reports, be it understood, should be provided by the District Deputy Grand Masters, who should in turn endeavor to keep themselves in early and constant touch with all the Lodges of their Division by correspondence, as well as by making a special visit. We hope we are familiar enough with "Manitoba's magnificient distances" and Manitoba's trying winter weather to escape being accused of expecting the impossible. Our greatest commendation goes out to the R.W. Brethren for their zeal and earnestness during weather conditions of extreme severity. We desire to support Masonic oversight. We do not look for extraordinary reports. Is there a Lodge showing signs of a decline? Let us know at once. Perhaps we can help to induce a neighboring Lodge to make a friendly visit and assist in a resuscitation. Is there a Lodge requiring Masonic literature of any kind? We may be able to give advice. Your Committee have put this idea in a measure into practice and are delighted with the results. The District Deputies very gladly gave the Committee most valuable information, information, M.W. Sir, which enabled them to plan for the future some weeks before the annual reports could be reasonably expected. This is not a matter for any particular legislation on the part of Grand Lodge. It shows at least one line of activity by means of which the Committee on the Condition of Masonry may have some chance of being more than a human machine—a statistic arranging mechanism.

R.W. Brother R. H. Brotherhood states that his "first official act" was to call a meeting of the Past Masters of the Seventh Masonic district for the purpose of organizing a Past Masters' Association. Could anything have been better? We know much of Western ability and Western enthusiasm. We anticipate for this new Association a successful and a helpful history. In this connection, even though there is some danger of invading the precincts of the Committee on Masonic Education, we should like to emphasize all things leading to Masonic enlightenment. We are firmly convinced that to the extent that the Craft is informed of any change of policy, enter into the spirit of the change and by discussion become convinced of its necessity, the result will be seen in a greater and more prompt obedience to Grand Lodge, and a greater interest in Freemasonry in general. Masonry is a system of education. Let us do all we can to foster the idea of an intelligent Brotherhood, and let us not forget to thank existing Past Masters' Associations for the generous spirit which prompted the placing of such Masonic literature as was at their command to the service of this Grand Lodge. Some recognition no doubt will be made at this communication as to the extent to which such papers have been demanded, and the opinions of the Lodges thus favored. It may be sufficient for the Committee to observe that a real service has been rendered the Craft, notwithstanding the suggestion made by one of the R.W. Brethren that it "is desirable that the language should be within the comprehension of all our brethren," a hint we shall certainly attempt to remember when called upon to prepare any address for possible distribution. But this is not all. Libraries should be built up. Circulating libraries should be made a greater feature of Masonic effort. Subordinate Lodges should be encouraged to provide standard Masonic books. How may we hope to discover the genius that lies hidden among the masses if some opportunity is not given to call this forth? Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, we must see to it that Masonic educational effort is made a vital part of Masonic culture. For fifty years Germany has been unifying the mind of her people against the world. She has obsessed them with an evil ideal, but the point we have to note is that she succeeded in obsessing them with that kind of ideal. No other modern country has ever attempted such a moral and mental solidarity as Germany has achieved. And good ideals need, just as much as bad ones, systematic inculcation, continued open expression, and re-statement. The great political conceptions that are needed to establish the peace of the world must become the common property of the mass of intelligent adults if they are to hold against the political scoundrel, the royal adventurer, the forensic exploiter, the enemies and destroyers of mankind. In this new world that is ushered in, each wishes to be able to make his life a success. But what constitutes success in its broadest terms? He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the trust of pure women and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved geranium, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others, and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration and whose memory a benediction. This, M.W. Sir and Brethren, is a noble woman's conception of "success." It surely is worth our consideration. But such is the outcome of the education we have in mind.

Reports from the various Masonic districts speak of the zeal and efficiency of the officers of the Lodges, the lively interest which Brethren take in the welfare of the Craft and the unfailing cordiality with which the District Deputy Grand Master is received. It is evident that real progress is being made. R.W. Bro. J. M. Riley refers to the advantage of more frequent inter-Lodge visiting as a means of promoting fraternal intercourse and unifying degree work. Such interchange of interests, consideration will show, is as indispensible to the healthy growth of the order as the payment of dues. A little planning could provide many opportunities for the exercise of this privilege which are now overlooked.

R.W. Bro. W. H. Sparling realizes that Masonry without vision is aimless and therefore futile, that these trying times are testing men's souls whether they are in tune with the Great Architect of the universe or not. Bro. Sparling rejoices in the devotion of the brethren to their country and, in paying tribute to these brethren who have made the great sacrifice, expresses the inmost feeling of every true Canadian, "We would not have it otherwise." Wherever such insight and such vision exist in a Masonic Lodge there Brethren clasp hands in a resolution that out of this sorrow and suffering must be formed a new world of peace, of mutual helpfulness and of righteousness. Herein may be found scope for the activities of any lodge seeking a mission. Service is the need of the land, as it is the true expression of the life of every man who realises that he has been created in the image of God that he might show forth His glory and contribute to the happiness of mankind.

R.W. Bro. Jackson, with a keen appreciation of the need of a distinct practical side to Masonic effort, wishes every Mason "pledged to devote a portion of his time and talent to some organization, situation, society or object that has for its purpose the making of this old world a better place in which to live."

Enough has been quoted to show that the reports of the District Deputies reflect and sometimes lead the spirit of the Lodges; keep the whole jurisdiction in touch with the centre; record the progress and development; warn of weaknesses, and preserve from year to year the continuity of purpose and of action so essential to the well-being of the organization.

Your Committee recommend that in recognition of services rendered, the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following named Brethren:—

R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson of the First Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. Frank B. McKenzie, Second Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. William B. Gillam, Third Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. William J. Sanders, Fourth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. Wm. H. Sparling, Fifth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. William G. Shaw, Sixth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. Rowland H. Brotherhood, Seventh Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Andrew S. Argue, Eighth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. John R. Hume, Ninth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. John M. Riley, Tenth Masonic District

As each year comes to us, Brethren, we naturally enter it with wonder and uncertainty, not knowing what will be its record and experiences. This attitude is very much intensified surrounded as we are by the horrors of war. Nevertheless we may enter the new Masonic year with courage and confidence, knowing that the G.A.O.T.U. is a faithful and covenant-keeping God. Through the blinding smoke and flame of battle we cannot see and weigh and examine, but we can believe in all sincerity that we are standing for the cause of truth and honor, and we do believe that when the audit is finally made and the balance struck, the scale of judgment will fall to us, that it will be said that we did not provoke the struggle, that we went into it cleanhanded and for just ends, and that we fought it honorably and in order to win a victory, not for any selfish cause but for human liberty. We believe this, and in this belief we shall fight on until victory is ours. But we shall not fight the worse if our vision is clear, if we have questioned our motives and purified our aims. Let us not forget that we are to-day the architects of the future, in a measure never before vouchsafed to any will. The world is being re-made about us. In this great crisis of the race Canada has had, and is having a part. Let us pledge ourselves and all we have to making that part not only honorable but glorious. Let each of us see to it, that through him the country is not hindered in the path of service.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. McINTYRE, Chairman.

On motion of V. W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), seconded by R. W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

This Committee's report as it was submitted last year received commendation which gives encouragement that such a form of report has merit. Your committee is desirous that its reports shall be informative, suggestive, and of practical value to the Craft. A compilation of unrelated facts will not achieve this purpose, nor is it possible to discern profit in the controversies which certain correspondence committees find so delectable. At the same time your committee is conscious that its members are not fully acquainted with all the needs of the Brethren, and would welcome constructive criticism or suggestion.

In submitting this report your committee wish to say that much matter of real instruction and interest has been left out in order that they might confine the report within the limits of what would not be too lengthy to read to Grand Lodge. Too often, lengthy reports on Foreign Correspondence are simply printed and then relegated to the limbo of filed matter without any real benefit being derived from them. The purpose of this report is to advise the Masons of Manitoba, briefly as possible regarding current Masonic thought and action in other jurisdictions, with the view that we may profit by the example and experience of others. Certain recommendations will be made with the intent that they be referred to that Committee of our Board of General Purposes, that would properly deal with each. It is desired that a committee fully consider each matter and make further report at the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge, introducing legislation if necessary.

SPIRIT OF FREEMASONRY

W. Bro. J. C. Leonard of North Carolina, acting as Grand Chaplain, at the laying of a corner stone, describes the spirit which actuates Masonry, in this beautiful language:—

"It is the avowed purpose of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons to fear and honor God, to be faithful to the laws of their country, to be serviceable to their Brethren, and to be engaged in the erection of magnificient buildings. Locked up in the faithful breast and concealed from the eyes of all men, they have secrets which have never been found out, and which may never be divulged, in harmony with both the laws of God and man. They were entrusted in peace and honor to the Masons of ancient times, and through sacred and solemn preservation, they have come down to the Masons of the present time. They will be conveyed unimpaired to the latest posterity.

"Masons have always delighted to do honor to all sacred institutions. Tradition among all nations has gone back to the building of Solomon's magnificent temple, and all honor has been given to the craftsmen who built it, but the supreme honors have always been given, and always will be ascribed, to Him in whose name, and for whose glory the temple was erected. Masonry teaches you, that if men are to enter eventually into the enjoyment of eternal bliss, they must pass along the way that Jehovah has ordained; that they must be raised from death to life by the mighty grip of the Unseen Hand.

"Masons recognize that every man is an individual, so destined by Divine Providence. And yet no one lives alone in the world. In the face of all our boasted individual independence, we are compelled to touch hand to hand and shoulder to shoulder. Every one at times in life approaches dark mazes, labyrinthine tunnels and winding stairways which have never yet been trod by his unaccustomed feet. Here he feels the need of the guiding hand of a friend who will prove himself to be a brother. What a boon to know that our hand rests in that of a friend whom we may safely follow, fearing no danger, who will take the greatest delight and pleasure in presenting our petitions at the throne of the Supreme Master!"

PRACTICAL FREEMASONRY

The most prevalent thought running through the Masonic world to-day, seems to be that our institution, like all others, has reached the period of crisis, when careful count should be made of our assets and liabilities, of our activities and our neglects, so that we may re-construct where necessary and prepare to take our place among the forces for good and human welfare.

Never in its long history has Masonry subjected itself to keener introspection. A deep sense of the mystery of life pervades the world. Old beliefs, old standards, old relations of things lately regarded as being fixed as the decalogue, have been dissipated as mist before the morning sun. A new world has come into being, bringing new moral values and a clearer insight into the purpose of the Divine will. Mr. Britling, honest man, casual, comfortable, self-satisfied, is transformed in the hot crucible of war, into Mr. Britling a man of prayer. On the battle line in France, the spirit of youth, which gladdened this tired old world with its sheer delight in living, is going to its martyrdom wth a courage not surpassed by Savonarola, and for a cause as noble as that for which the great Florentine monk died.

R.W. Brother W. W. Williamson, in reporting upon the state of Masonry in the Province of Quebec, gives expression to this feeling in the following fine sentence:—

"Undoubtedly a higher and more sober view of life and its varied responsibilities has contributed to raise the ideals of our Masonic Art to a plane it has never before attained through the exercise of the principles of Universal Beneficence and Charity in their widest and best meaning, a clearer view and higher appreciation of those other great principles of Justice, Honor and Liberty bequeathed to us from remote ages as the chief corner stones of our Masonic edifice, to be carried into practice in our every day intercourse."

Lord Parker in a recent debate in the British House of Lords, said:—

"Whatever excuse we may have had for unpreparedness for war, we shall have no excuse if we are similarly unprepared for peace. The war may have been improbable, but peace is certain, however long delayed, and, when peace comes, we shall have to face a situation, which, unless it is properly handled, may entail on our posterity, evils, equal to, or even greater than those entailed by the war itself?"

During the last three years, many old ideas have been discredited. Every problem has taken on a new perspective. We must abandon certain fixed ideas of the place of Masonry in the world, and prepare to accept new responsibilities which are almost certain to be thrust upon us.

Masonry must descend to earth and concern itself with the substantial betterment of mankind. It must be a vital force for good among the lives of our people, and show interest in the every day problems of common-place life, as they will present themselves. One writer has expressed it this way:—

"The real genius of the institution, lies not in its obligations, lectures, floor-work, or mere mode of operation, but in its broader conception—its relation to human life, its opportunity for true service, its development of the social and fraternal element in man's make-up."

More practical Masonry, seems to be the keynote of current Masonic thought.

The Grand Master of Oregan, says:—

"We should not stand on the side lines as idle spectators and see civilization march by, but we should lead the procession."

Further, in the Grand Oregon proceedings may be noted the words of Bro. W. J. Kerr, their Grand Orator, who outlines the mission of Masonry in the following expressive language:—

"It teaches that the only life that is worth anything is the life of service to humanity! Man is 'his brother's keeper;' he cannot discharge his full duty as a man and a Mason without taking account of the welfare of his fellow man. An institution in which men stand on an equal plan, free from sectarian prejudice and political partisanship, Freemasonry more than any other agency, is the vital force by which mankind may be led to subordinate their selfish ambitions, unite in a common cause, and work for the advancement of righteousness in the world."

The Grand Orator in addressing the Grand Lodge of the Phillipine Islands expressed the thought this way:—

"The world judges men and institutions by their works and not by their words. Masons, are or should be, 'men of thought' and 'men of action.' 'By their fruits ye shall know them' is the square, the level and the plumb by which our professions as Masons are measured and tried."

M.W. Bro. Sebastian of Washington says:—

"The principal attraction for ordinary men in the institution of Freemasonry in the United States is, in my opinion, the opportunity to do practical and efficient work along lines of relief."

Going even further than this, Bro. Z. X. Snyder, Grand Chaplain of Colorado, said:—

"It is our duty to take a responsible stand on all great public questions. That is our function in the reconstruction that is going on in our civil life."

Suiting the action to the word, the Grand Lodge of Montana are taking steps to use their influence with the State Legislature to have established in Montana a home for delinquent girls. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which has the distinction of establishing the first Masonic Home on the North American Continent, a year ago, inaugurated a plan for the higher educational and vocational training of the boys and girls who leave the Home at the age of 16 years. Sixteen are now being educated in this way by the Educational Trustees, and the following year, they expect to have sixteen or twenty more. In Baltimore and some other larger American cities, the Masons conduct a free milk and ice station for indigent women and children. In Duluth, the Masons have undertaken the betterment of conditions surrounding the lives of infant children. These are but a few examples.

THE WAR

M.W. Bro. Frank J. Miller, Grand Master of Oregon, maintains the reputation of that state for eloquence in a splendid passage referring to the war, to which may be applied Capt. Bunsby's sententious remark, "The bearings of this observation lays in the application on it." However, Bro. Miller's declaration is worthy of reproduction:—

"We cannot but reflect with horror upon the dreadful conflict raging in the world today with all its loss of life, its poverty and suffering, misery, woe and hatred, and consider that if men would only accept and acknowledge the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man, all this distress, this dreadful sacrifice of blood and treasure, would be avoided. Masonry teaches brotherhood and democracy, and if these were permitted to hold sway and guide the actions of men, we should never again see such a conflict as is now bankrupting nations, both of men and money. The Great Light of Masonry, which is the rule and guide of our faith, recognizes no distinction among men, no divisions of creeds, no separation of races, no difference in nations, but all are children of the Grand Architect, and precious in His sight.

"For almost two years the greatest and most destructive war in the history of the world has been raging in Europe, and the end seems no nearer than it did a year ago. The dead, even the civilian dead are not given the rites of decent burial, and the wasted remnants of a once glorious manhood, together with the homeless wandering refugees of a once peaceful and happy people, must struggle on in despair and suffering. Neither tongue nor pen can portray the poverty, the suffering and the hopelessness of the heritage left by this awful conflict. Let us hope that out of these tragedies of hate, greed and ambition, now being enacted on the world's stage will come a broader liberty for men, and a greater reverence for God, and a deeper realization of our responsibility to each other. May those who are now passing through the dark valley find a way up to the highest hill tops where they may attain a bright vision and view greater possibilities for humanity. May the scales fall from the eyes of men, and the shackles be stricken from their bodies and minds, so that the new freedom may be made perfect, and the dream of centuries be realized."

There is, naturally, no ambiguity in the remarks of R.W. Bro. W.N. Ponton of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, when he comes to deal with the issues of the war. From an unusually comprehensive and scholarly report on the issues of Freemasonry, we quote the following pregnant passage:—

"This is the touchstone of the enlightened, who pray PEACE with honor for our childrens' children—within these walls and without—peace after crime expiated—after wrongs righted—after sacrilegious violations are purged—a peace that will be independent of broken covenants and treaties, and will be asured by universal and allied will—a peace that will enable us in faith and practice to live out those virtues the world over, which we not merely profess, but do admire and love. Men are fighting for their children that these children may not have to know what their fathers and mothers have known during this maelstrom of inhuman murder and lust—this epoc of agony. Better even racial ruin than eternal infamy. Better to go out with honor than survive with shame. And this do all free men, free women and especially free masons proclaim with the sacred pledge of fidelity and truth—and we shall not fail!

For Freedom's battle once begun,
Bequeathed from bleeding sire to son,
Though baffled oft, is always won."

Much of the comment on the war appearing in American Grand Lodge Reports is far from pleasant reading. That the issues of this titanic struggle should escape the consciousness of any thoughtful man is so incredible that a haunting sense of insincerity possesses one as he reads that "imbecile monarch" or "irresponsible diplomats" or "ambitious traders" brought on the war for personal or commercial advantage. Such puerilities are little short of sacrilege. When the German Chancellor tore up the Belgian Treaty, and flaunted the shreds in the face of the British Ambassador, absolutism, by that act, challenged the world to a trial of strength,—the world of civilization, Christianity and humanity; and absolutism has ever used as instruments of its will, those tools which come so ready to a German's hand—treachery, cruelty, rapine and frightfulness. The fair flower of Masonry cannot grow in the soil which nourishes such poison. America is now in, and our neutral brethren will have an interesting time explaining themselves. The alliance of the free and democratic countries of the world in the holy cause of eradicating the evil growth of absolutism has already broken down national conceits and prejudices, has justified the democratic ideal of the state, and has drawn men together in what may be yet, a universal brotherhood. So may the world receive compensation for its ghastly sacrifices.

WAR RELIEF

Reference to the war has naturally been made in the proceeding of all jurisdictions. Masons in allied countries, express themselves regarding it, much as we feel ourselves. Masons in neutral countries, in most cases, naturally steer clear of any comment as to the rights and wrongs of the war, but their hearts have been touched, and they have invariably given generously in support of war relief funds. The American War Relief Fund was more or less inactive during the year. Bro. Mellish, Chairman of the Committee in charge, reported sometime ago:—

"Things are so mixed up abroad, that we are not going to send any additional sums of money until nearer the end of the war, or until we have something like definite and detailed reports as to what is being done by the Masonic war relief committees on the other side."

Now that the United States has at length crossed the Rubicon and assumed its destined position in the Commonwealth of Nations, divers means will no doubt be found for spending the considerable sum still in the hands of the committee, and then more and still more.

There was doubtless justifiable reason for Bro. Mellish's action as is indicated by the following letter sent him by the Grand Secretary of Ireland:—

"Freemasons' Hall, Dublin,
14th day of March, 1916.

"Dear Bro. Mellish,—

"The M.W. the Grand Master (Lord Donoughmore) forwarded me a copy of your letter respecting the Masonic War Relief Fund, in which I note with great satisfaction that your association is prepared to make a further contribution to the fund when the need arises.

At the present time, and probably whilst the war continues, the expenditure of public money upon a gigantic scale causes a temporary condition of plenty amongst many, and a general, but deceptive air of prosperity amongst all. No doubt the other belligerent nations have the same experience, and it is only when peace comes, and this flow of public money ceases, that the real pinch will be felt, want of employment, homes ruined by the death of the breadwinner, and men broken in the war. To provide for this inevitable time of want and suffering amongst the ranks of our Order, we are carefully nursing this War Relief Fund, so that it may be available when needed most. So far, we have been able to deal with charity cases arising from the war, out of our ordinary benevolent funds, but at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, a scheme for dealing with the Distribution of the Special Fund was drawn up, and will be in working order shortly; at the same time, the general feeling of the members was to distribute the money with great care, and with special regard to the necessities of the near future.

"Yours fraternally,

"H. E. FLAVELLE.

"To Wm. B. Mellish, Esq.
"Cincinnati, Ohio."

It will be noted from the above letter, that there is expected to be a greater need for assistance after the war. New Zealand evidently takes this view, for they have established a Special War Benevolent Fund for exclusive use in providing for the needs of brethren who may return from the war wounded, sick, or otherwise unfitted for the battle of life.

It speaks volumes for New Zealand Masonry to record, that at the end of 25 years' existence of their Grand Lodge, they have invested assets of about $175,000, and during their existence they have distributed in the way of charity about $125,000, showing that in addition to expenses of administration, they have collected for the purpose of Masonry, in that time, $300,000. This looks like a real practical Masonry. When we consider that the number of their members is only about double the number of ours, we do not shine by comparison.

INCREASED EFFORT TO RAISE CHARITY FUNDS

It is interesting to note that preparedness with regard to Benevolent or Charity Funds, is the order of the day in many jurisdictions.

R.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, in his report on the Condition of Masonry, to the Grand Lodge of Canada, sounds this same note:—

"Economy must be the order of the day. We must husband our strength, conserve our resources, but economy alone, will not supply that future—almost immediate—need of the Craft, when the call of the wounded, the disabled, the blinded brethren comes home; when the cry of the dependents of the fallen brethren who have made—will make—the supreme sacrifice for us, is hard—No Semi-Centennial Fund will meet the absolute necessity staring us in the face. No mere "Rainy Day" fund will solve the great problem. We repeat that the wounded, and the dependents of those, who at the front have won immortality, are the glorious creditors of the nation, and in a special sense, the glorious creditors of this Masonic Craft—the household of the faithful. The 60,850 members are ready for the leadership of the Grand East in this great work of vital moment. Do it now!"

A committee of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota on the celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of England, had the same thing in mind when in recommending that the several lodges of the Jurisdiction should meet, either on St. John's day, 24th June, 1917, or some convenient day in the week following, and carry out some program suitable to commemorate the anniversary, they also recommended and urged that whatever else might be on the program of the celebration, that the fine sentiments uttered, the good things enjoyed, and the noble impulses stirred, be all gathered up and crystallized into a substantial contribution to the cause of benevolence, not by the Lodge as a body, but by the good old fashioned way of giving everybody a chance.

The Committee on the Grand Charity Fund of Dakota, feeling that the amount of their charity fund obtained from voluntary donations, is exceedingly small, and that individual sacrifices, prompted by a sincere desire to be serviceable to our fellow creatures, is not so much in evidence as it should be, had the following to say in their report to Grand Lodge:—

"Your Committee would suggest that the Lodges take into careful consideration whether they ought not to devise some plan by which each brother shall be given direct opportunity at least once a year, to contribute personally to the cause of charity and benevolence. While By-law 30, requires that 50c per member is remitted to the Grand Charity Fund, that is only a minimum. It amounts to less than a penny a week for each of the 12,000 Masons of South Dakota.

"An old regulation of the Operative Masons Guilds, required each member to contribute each year, at least the value of one day's wages. But what your committee has in mind and wishes to impress on the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, is, that benevolence and contributions to its cause should not be the subject of any law or regulation except the great law of love for the brethren. We believe there is an abundance of that love in the hearts of the Masons of South Dakota, and that all it needs is opportunity for expression. Systematic giving, will in the long run, be found of more positive advantage to the Lodges than systematic feasting. Well rendered ritual is a delight to the ear and the understanding, but it takes systematic and persistent benevolence to expand the heart."

In Louisville, Kentucky, they have an organization called "The St. John's Day League" made up of members of all the Lodges in the city of Louisville. The main object of this organization is to raise funds for their Widows' and Orphans' Home, through giving paid entertainments, and otherwise. This organization has been in existence many years, and during the past year raised $8,000 for the fund.

Your committee feel that greater effort should be made by us to supplement the principal of our "Aged and Indigent Masons Fund," so that the interest from the fund, may be such a sum as shall be commensurate with the demands likely to be made on it. Would it not be more in keeping with the spirit of Masonry if our members were presented annually with the oportunity of giving voluntarily to our charity fund? Your committee would suggest that some action along this line be arranged for in this Jurisdiction and endeavor be made to increase our fund to an adequate amount.

Before leaving this question of Charity Funds, it may be of interest to say that in connection with the distribution of their Charity Fund, the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Vermont recommend that " no Lodge shall receive any part of that fund for any year unless such Lodge has expended and distributed for charity a sum equal to 50 cents per capita of the membership of such Lodge, and no lodge shall receive more than what it has expended over and above 50c per capita of such Lodge."

Your committee would recommend this to the consideration of the Committee on Charity and Benevolence.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND ALIEN MEMBERS

The Grand Lodge of England has been severely criticized because of the action it took in requiring brethren of German, Austrian or Turkish birth to refrain during the continuance of the war, from visiting English lodges of which they may be members.

The motion to do this, met with a great deal of opposition in the Grand Lodge of England itself, before it was passed. It is not surprising, then, that members of the fraternity outside of England have criticized this action very strongly. They consider it much out of harmony with the spirit of Masonry, some of them have been very outspoken in declaring their views. As an example of this criticism we quote the remarks of M.W. Bro. Block, of Iowa:—

"And this—this happened in the Grand Lodge of England—the Mother Grand Lodge of the world—from whom has come down to us all the sweet, tender and sacred traditions of our beloved order; it almost sweeps the foundations from under our feet; we feel as does the son who learns that his sweet and sainted mother, unable to withstand temptation, has yielded to the tempter's snare and has fallen. Canon Foakes-Jackson is right; The Grand Lodge of England is on trial before the Masonic world for violation of the great principle of human brotherhood. She cannot palliate or excuse her sin on the ground that the German Masons may have set her an evil example. The Masonic world has a right to look for better things from its Masonic mother. Nor can she be allowed to excuse her conduct on the ground that the passage of the resolution was necessary for the preservation of masonic harmony in England. Such harmony is like a disgraceful, dishonorable and cowardly peace; it is not worth the terrible sacrifice of principle which it costs. Already the Lodges are beginning to violate the order, and Masonic dissension is rife in the land. You can't stamp brotherly love out of the true Mason's heart—no, not even with a Grand Lodge resolution—much less make him disloyal to the brother whom he has sworn to help, aid and asist, be that brother's nationality what it may."

England is not without her champions though. The correspondence Reviewer of the Grand Lodge of California says regarding this criticism:—

"It is our theory of the duty of a correspondent, or more properly speaking Masonic reporter, to report what takes place, rather than to criticise, and, in our judgment, it is of doubtful propriety to criticise any Grand Lodge concerning what it does, or fails to do, touching its own domestic affairs, and, if the Grand Lodge of England believes that the safety of the Empire or the fraternal welfare of the Lodges require the exclusion from attendance from the Lodges temporarily of certain Masons of foreign birth, the Grand Lodge of England has a perfect right to adopt such a course, and it is the concern of no one, be he Mason or otherwise, residing in some other country, to object or criticize.

"England is fighting for her very existence, and English Masons undoubtedly regard as their paramount obligation, unmixed devotion to their own country's cause and welfare, and it is the belief of the Grand Lodge of Masons of England that that welfare will be promoted by the action taken in reference to foreign born members and, as stated, it is the concern of no one else. German Grand Lodges have taken the same action so far as England is concerned, and we have this far heard no criticism of the action of the German Grand Lodges, which illustrates a fundamental difference between the English and the German method. The English method permits free discussion and free criticism of any official action, whether it pertains to the government or any other phase of English life or activity; whereas the German method brooks no criticism or discussion; the demand, whatever it may be, is simply announced, and that is the end of it."

Bro. Joseph Fort Newton, Editor of "The Builder," on his return from a visit to England, gave in the pages of his paper, what is the best answer, probably, to these critics:—

"Our readers will recall that we wrote last spring, regretting the action of the mother Grand Lodge in suspending from Masonic fellowship Brethren of German birth during the period of the war. At a distance it looked as if the Grand Lodge had permitted political issues to invade its sancturary in violation of its own constitution, and we confess that it dismayed us. However, as so often happens, when all the facts are known, it is the other way round. The fact that did not get into the record, and seemed not to have been mentioned in the discussion, was that German Brethren insisted upon bringing up the issues of the war in Lodge meetings, so much so, that it became difficult in some places, to hold a Lodge meeting in peace—for English brethren were in no mood to debate such issues, much less in Lodge. Things came to such a state, that Grand Lodge was appealed to for relief, and it passed the resolution referred to. No doubt there were Brethren of German birth who had no inclination to inject such questions into their Masonic fellowship, and who suffered hurt by the law. Perhaps another and better way might have been devised, but our point is, that the Grand Lodge was intent on keeping all such issues out of the Lodge room, not bringing them in. After visiting England, and learning the situation, we feel that Masons everywhere, never had more reason to be proud of the mother Grand Lodge than during the last two dreadful years. Its dignity, its patience, its loyalty to its own great principles were worthy of its great tradition; the more so, remembering the fact that the Grand Lodges of Teutonic countries severed relations with their Brethren in enemy lands at once, and outright. So much in view of the fact, and for the sake of making the fact clear."

MASONRY IN THE ARMY

The Grand Lodge of Ireland record in their proceedings the following interesting incident:—

"An officer of the 16th R.I.R. writing to a Lurgan friend says:—'The Regimental Masonic Lodge of the Pioneers held two successful meetings in a large two-storied frame house within their billeting area, and only a couple of miles from the German front line. The building had been shelled a short time previously, and not a whole pane of glass remained in the house. This, however, was soon remedied, and did not interfere with the business of the meeting. Business was transacted to the music of the big gun fire, the hum of aeroplanes, and bursting of Hun shells. It is perhaps, the first time that Masonic Brethren had to meet in Lodge fully armed and equipped with their gas helmets, as some of the members had, on this occasion to do. A good many visiting Brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting under so unique circumstances, some coming a long distance to do so."

Irish Masons complain very strongly because of the recent action of the British Government in introducing a Bill in the House of Commons, withdrawing the permission hitherto enjoyed by members of the Royal Irish Constabualry and the Dublin Metropolitan Police of joining the Masonic Order. The Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore, wrote the chief secretary for Ireland, strongly protesting. He also left his duties in France, to protest against it in the House of Lords. He took strong exception to statements made in the British House of Commons "that we are powerfully and scientifically organized for political purposes and anxious to obtain special patronage for our members." The Government had their way though, and the privilege of membership in " any secret society" is denied to the Irish Police. It is such a rare occurance for any legislative body to limit the field of masonry or interfere with it in any way, that this action seems deserving of notice.

CITIZENSHIP

Since the conception of political freedom first entered the thought of men, the responsibility which a citizen of a democracy carries has never been brought home to him with such power as during the past three years. Enjoying to the full the rights and privileges freedom confers, he had forgotten at what cost in earth's fairest human life it had been achieved. Secure, as he believed, in the possession of this freedom, he was slow to realize that his title had ben assailed. Even now, when the conviction is being forced upon him by a ruthless foe that these hard won liberties must be defended as they have been won, by the blood of brave men, he is not fully conscious of the obligation resting upon the democracy.

R.W. Bro. L. V. Crain of Colorado, speaking in July, 1916, calls attention to the individual citizen's responsibility in this clear fashion:—

"Our nation is now passing through one of the most critical periods of its history. There are great and momentous questions before our people waiting for solution; questions that deeply affect the welfare and integrity of our government. Just how they will be solved, or what the final issue will be, I do not know; but I have confidence enough in the integrity, honesty and intelligence of those upon whom falls the burden of the fight, to believe they will bring peace and great happiness to our country.

"Yet we must not feel too secure in our belief. We must not think that we, as individuals, as associations, as communities, have no part in the settlement of these great questions. We do have a part, and a most responsible one. Not only ourselves, but our children, and their children, will be held responsible for the outcome of every national question of moment in our day."

The outstanding address of the year, however, is that of Bro. William A. Johnston, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas. Bro. Johnston, with a keen appreciation of the issues of the times, deals with the duties and obligations of Masons as citizens. A few of the more striking sentences from this noteworthy address can be given here:—

"Our Order fosters civil and religious liberty and the patriotism which makes for good citizenship. From its teachers, we learn that it is not all of patriotism to live decently, to break no law, and to pay the taxes assessed under the law. It means more than keeping out of the penitentiary and the poorhouse. Good citizenship involves the performance of the duties we owe to the public. It means a fraternity of community interest, and a desire to know how the other half lives. It stirs an instinctive spirit of fellowship, a desire to be our brother's keeper and an impulse to take him by the hand and help him over the hard places of life. A fundamental priciple of the Order is the solidarity of mankind, and while the duties and obligations of Masons to each other and their families are well-defined, and ordinarily faithfully discharged, our duties and obligations are not confined within such limits.

"Love of God and love of country are dominating sentiments in Masonry. It was SHAKESPEARE who said 'Be just, and fear not.' The teachings of the Great Master, which have been adopted as the guiding principles of Masonry, suggest that we earnestly and faithfully do our part in making our government, state and nation, cleaner, stronger, more efficient, and more just in its application, and especially to those in need of governmental care. This means that we should take an active interest in everything that effects the home, the school, the community, and the country; that we should be alert to encourage good and combat evil; to keep the sources of power through which the officers and agents of the people are selected, pure and free.

"Probably the greatest obstacle to good citizenship is indifference and the disposition to overlook or shrink the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. There are those who talk about public policies, give some attention to proposed changes in laws that affect their own business, read what the public men are doing and saying, scold when an officer or legislative body makes a mistake or something goes wrong, yet when policies are settled, when plans of government are made, and the men who are to carry them into effect and conduct the government are chosen, many lazily stay at home and allow all such matters to be settled by their neighbors. Each individual citizen owes something to the government which protects his home, his property and the lives of his family or himself. Patriotism includes the spirit of self-sacrifice, but even ordinary gratitude should impel a citizen to make some return for the blessings and benefits which a free government gives to him. The government is responsible for his care and conduct, and he is responsible in turn to it. If he assaults a fellow citizen, he is subject to arrest and punishment, and if he assaults a citizen of another nation, his government must make reparation for his unlawful act. No man or Mason can live unto himself. He is a part of the government, and in a degree responsible for its acts, and it in turn is responsible for every one of its citizens."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

That the office of Grand Representative of a sister Grand Lodge is not always regarded with the indifference displayed by this Grand Lodge appears from the proceedings of Michigan. The Grand Old Man of Michigan Masonry, M.W. Bro. W. T. Mitchell of Port Huron, who represented Manitoba in the Grand Lodge at Michigan, passed to the Great Beyond in his 99th year early in 1916. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. G. L. Lusk invested the presentation of the commission from this province to his successor, Bro. Robert P. Anderson, likewise a resident of Port Huron, with a brief, but highly interesting ceremony, in the course of which the Grand Master said:—

"I did not expect it would be my duty to conduct the last sad rites of that remarkable man, your fellow citizen, Past Grand Master Mitchell, within a year of a century on this earth; yet I was called upon to do that, because he had provided that the Most Worshipful Grand Master should conduct the last sad rites, and it was my duty, as well as my privilege, to perform the sacred function. By his passing, there is a vacancy in a lodge beyond the border of our country, over in Manitoba, a vacancy caused by the death of our brother Mitchell, and I have the privilege, Brother Anderson, of giving you, the certificate of authority to represent the Province of Manitoba, near the Grand Lodge of Michigan. You are living very near Canada at Port Huron. There are many opportunities for fraternal intercourse, for fraternal fellowship with our friends and brethren across the boundary. It is my hope that these relations, so far as Masonry is concerned, will always be secure, firm, righteous and just; and I am sure Brother Anderson, that in every way, the honor of this Grand Lodge will be upheld, as long as you are associated with the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, and I give you this commission with much pleasure and satisfaction."

One cannot read this simple narrative without realizing a closer kinship with the brethren of Michigan. If there is aught of dignity, duty or use in the office of Grand Representative, is not the discovery by the Masons overdue? North Carolina's Grand Master M.W. Bro. F. P. Hopgood, deals with the question in the following thorough-going fashion:—

"No new representatives have been accredited from other Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge, for the reason that it is the opinion of many that the entire list of Grand Representatives as now constituted should be materially revised, not only, because there are two vacancies by reason of death, but also one is now a non-affiliate, two others have not attended the Grand Lodge for ten years, while four others have attended the Grand Lodge only once in five years' time. We should, by a due attention to these positions, make them worthy of what they are, the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges.

That "I recommend that this Grand Lodge go on record as expressing its sense of these positions should be commissioned annually and should not be filled by the same brethren for a longer period than three years, and that in the selection of its representatives near other Grand Lodges that they be commissioned annually, and the same length of service be observed."

In Colorado, the custom obtains of one of the Grand Representatives acknowledging the welcome extended by the Grand East, and from a brief but rich address from M.W. Bro. Sleeper we cull the following:—

"As Masonry is the study of man, so the Lodge is society in miniature, an ideal society, based not on the theoretical infirmity and depravity of man, but on his inherent virtue and goodness. And this is the actual basis of all human society, of civilization and progress, without which society cannot exist. Human beings cannot associate together whether for good or evil, without causing to bring into being a code of morals to which they assent and to which they must conform."

It is submitted that amongst the obvious duties of a Grand Representative are two:—

First, to maintain correspondence with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Body he represents.

Second, to care for the comfort of visiting brethren hailing from that jurisdiction.

THE HANDLING OF CANDIDATES

Much of interest regarding the handling of candidates from the time of their first appeal for membership until they are fully qualified appears in the proceedings of several jurisdictions.

Some injury has been done to Masonry by candidates applying for the degrees without sufficient knowledge of why they wanted them, and what the institution stands for. If candidates knew beforehand for what the Masonic Fraternity stands, they would hesitate, and in some cases would not apply. A custom is prevalent in many lodges of presenting one who signifies his desire to become a Mason, with a short statement of what Masonry really means. The following is that used by Arcania Lodge No. 87, of Seattle, Washington.

"You have expressed the wish to become a Freemason. Before going further we deem it essential to meet you with candour and courteously request your careful consideration of this Preliminary Statement, and certain questions yourself.

"Masonry is a universal system of morality to which all good men may subscribe. Its teachings are based upon belief in the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of man. While acknowledging with deep reverence the eternal and all powerful Creator, it places no restrictions upon a man's religious or political opinions, striving to unite all men as brothers, and to free them from darkness and error. Indeed its moral and philosophic instructions are drawn from Truth itself, and harmonize with the highest and best that are to be found in every religion which makes for the enlightment of mankind.

"The realization of your desire to become a part of this Fraternity will depend upon the judgment of the members as to whether you are suitable material for the Society and whether the Society is suitable for you. It will, therefore, be their duty —in case your petition is presented to the Lodge—to institute diligent enquires about you; after which a vote by ballot will be taken, wherein a single negative, will preclude your admission. Examine yourself, therefore, and see whether you can answer the expectations of the Fraternity, and above all, endeavor to settle clearly and honestly in your mind, the motives which lead you to seek our society. The following will serve to facilitate this self-examination and to guard both you, and ourselves against mistakes:—

1. Do you expect by becoming a member to obtain any outward advantage relative to your position as a citizen and as an individual? If so, you will be disappointed.

2. Would your present convictions prevent you from disregarding distinctions which society has made between individuals, as to their station, wealth, religious opinions, politics, etc.? If so, relinquish the idea of becoming a Freemason, as no notice is taken of those discriminations in our meetings.

3. If, however, you believe that we advocate a civil relation that is chimerical or a liberty and equality neither good nor practical, then you should reconsider your resolution to join us, because with such views you would not suit our Society.

4. Curiosity, ambition for honors, and desire to enlarge the circle of your social acquaintances, are not suitable motives for seeking admission into Freemasonry.

5. To those who voluntarily knock at its doors, and whose character, motives and daily lives are in harmony with its high ideals, the Temples of the Society are open. To preserve and perpetuate its teachings, every initiate is required to make vows of the most inviolable secrecy as to its rites and ceremonies. These obligations, in no wise conflict with the duties he owes to God, humanity, the country, of which he is a citizen, the community in which he lives, or himself.

6. Since the Masonic Fraternity, as has already been said, consists of men of all classes and circumstances, you might perhaps find someone among us, with whom you have been, or are at variance. Therefore, determine to your own satisfaction, whether you will be strong and charitable enough to acknowledge such a man as your Brother.

7. Our membership is attended with some necessary expense which we require to be promptly and punctually paid, that our good works may not suffer from want thereof. The amount you can readily ascertain (by reference to our By-laws), and you will give this due attention.

"We trust you will consider these statements in the same spirit of honesty and friendship in which they have been presented. It is of the utmost importance to you, as well as to the Fraternity that the motives and ideals governing your daily life be in substantial accord therewith. A frank and voluntary expression of your views, together with any explanations you may wish to make regarding these and other matters, is desired, and will receive careful, sincere and conscientious attention.

"Kindly return this paper with your communication to the Secretary of the Lodge on or before ...."

After the petitioner has been elected, the Secretary of the Lodge sends him notice to that effect, in the following letter, which gives him something further to think about while awaiting initiation.

"It affords me pleasure to inform you that you have been duly elected to receive the degrees of Masonry and become a member of this Lodge by initiation, in accordance with your petition. As soon as the exact date has been set for conferring the First, or Entered Apprentice degree, you will be informed. Meanwhile, you may reflect with much profit upon the step you are about to take, and the motives which prompt you to seek admission into an institution inspired by the pure priciples of Truth and Benevolence, the ceremonies and allegories of which are intended as useful moral lessons, illustrative of light and Truth to the mind of him who seeks to enter—lessons to be cherished among life's fondest memories."

The Grand Master, W.M. Thompson of New Wales, says regarding more care being used in proposing and seconding applications:—

"Too often one hears the proposer vouch only upon short acquaintance, possibly of a business nature, while the seconder will avow that he has only met the candidate perhaps once, but is content with the good judgment of the proposer. This is altogether insufficient. Our portals cannot be too closely guarded, and although most lodges have an investigating committee, the practice of strict enquiry should be universal; for the lodge that through indifference and a want of care, admits unworthy material, not only discredits itself, but perpetrates a gross injustice against our institution all the world over."

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey has been giving this matter special consideration and the report of their committee is worth quoting in full, but space does not permit. This committee, after examining the application forms of nearly every state in the Union, made up a draft application form and submitted it to the various Lodges in New Jersey, inviting the criticisms of the Lodges and of the Past Masters. From answers received, they gathered that in the minds of a majority "there is urgent need of a more strict enquiry into qualification of proposed candidates and greater care being exercised by the Committee of Investigation." To this end they recommended that in place of the candidate being furnished with a list of questions to answer that the Investigating Committee be required to learn from the candidate, from his references, employers and other sources, such information as would enable the Investigating Committee to answer a list of questions about the candidate, thus forcing the committee to really investigate. The Investigating Committee is simply given the name, home and business address of the candidate, and the list of questions the committee have to answer indicates the information it is necessary for them to obtain before they can report. This New Jersey form of application and report is well worthy of consideration and much of it might be adopted by us with profit. To guard against brethren recommending candidates of whom they have not sufficient knowledge, the following certificate, signed by the proposer and seconder must accompany each application for membership:—

"We............................and.................................. who have signed the foregoing petition of.. ....recommending him for membership, in the above named lodge, do hereby certify that we have confidence in his integrity and the uprightness of his intentions, and that we believe him to be qualified in every way as a proper candidate for Masonry.

"I.......................................further certify that I have known the petitioner personally for.............................years past, and that the petitioner filled in and signed his petition in my presence and stated to me that he was prompted to do so for the reason set forth in his petition, without solicitation or persuasion of any kind.

"I,..further certify that I have known the petitioner personally for ....years last past.

"We do further certify that our acquaintance with the petitioner during the respective periods above mentioned has been of such a character as to give us ample knowledge of his life, morals, conduct and general reputation and standing in the community in which he resides and that, acting upon this knowledge we have signed the foregoing petition for membership."

The question of whether there should be a secret or public Investigating Committee is worthy of consideration.

The Grand Master of Oregon says in this connection:—

"There is a reprehensible practice prevailing in most Lodges of making public the names of committees on Investigation of Candidates, by the Master announcing the same from the chair in open Lodge. This is unjust to the committee, unjust to the candidate, and involves the performance of the duties resting upon the members of the committee with disparaging and unnecessary outside influence."

The Grand Lodge of Arizona has a regulation which provides: —"Hereafter when a petition for the degrees or an application for affiliation in a Lodge in this jurisdiction shall be received the Master when appointing the Committee on Investigation, shall not announce the names of said committee in open Lodge, but shall privately inform the secretary as to the names of said committee. When this Committee makes its report, it shall be to the Master, and he to the Lodge, and after the vote has been taken, said reports shall be destroyed."

Thorough schooling in the ritual is deemed necessary in most jurisdictions. Too often coaching and examination in the Third Degree is neglected or forgotten. To provide against this, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico have enacted that all newly made Master Masons shall stand an examination in open Lodge within six months after being raised on the first section of the Master Mason's degree. If such examination is perfect, the Lodge can obtain for him from the Grand Secretary a Master Mason's diploma, embodying a certificate of proficiency. It is further provided that no member in the jurisdiction of New Mexico shall be eligible to election to the office of Master or Warden or to the appointment to the office of Deacon unless he hold such a certificate of proficiency. Provision is also made whereby members not qualified can qualify themselves by passing an examination in the ritual of the three degrees. It is made the duty of every installing officer to satisfy himself that each officer presenting himself for installation has such a proficiency certificate before he is installed.

The Grand Lodge of South Dakota have followed suit with similar legislation. The Grand Master of Minnesota in justifying this action and recommending it to his Grand Lodge, says:—

"Mindful of my responsibility in this matter, and fully conscious of the confusion, and sometimes injury, which results from the fact that Masters and Wardens are ignorant of matters which they should be required to know before their installation, I recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Lodge to ascertain and certify, before installing officers elect, that they are competent to discharge the duties of their office. This is now done in case of Lodges under dispensation, and it seems to me more important, if possible, in the case of established Lodges."

Perfection in ritual is not considered enough, and the movement for broader education in Masonry is becoming more widespread. Grand Master Vallient of Delaware expresses inteerst in this movement, and recommends one means of accomplishing it:—

"There is another subject, to which I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge, namely the awakening and development of more interest in the study of the fundamental principles and deep meaning of our forms and cermonies. Have we not been paying too much attention to the wholesale birth of Masons, and too little attention to the care and nourishment of them after they are born? Does not degree working monoplize too much of the time and attention given to keeping alive and increasing the interests of the whole lodge in the working of the lodge and in securing better attendance at its meetings? Few, if any, experienced Freemasons will affirm the principle of rapid Masonic advancement. On the contrary, as has been said, the general verdict of these brethren, would be that newly admitted Masons are not sufficiently retarded in their progress upwards, with the result, that in the great majority of cases, that which is easily and quickly attained is correspondingly deprived of its due value and importance. Even our beautiful ritual suffers as the result of constant and monotonous repetition, and its ever recurring reiteration. Lodge meeting after Lodge meeting is apt to become an undue strain upon the brethren. Whereas, varied by occasional Masonic Literary interludes, the tension would be relieved, the ceremonial gain fresh attraction and impressiveness, and the brethren themselves, would be afforded some real education as to Masonic ideals, objects and aspirations."

A committee of the Grand Lodge of Texas brought in a report on this subject that is worth quoting in full, but space will not permit. In part they said:—

"We are like a goodly company of travellers visiting an ancient ruin, where, lying all about us, are interesting and instructive relics, and which we neither see, not gather up to add them to our store of riches, but pass them by as of no value.

"If we could but look, there are on every hand, abundant facilities for enriching our lives with the unsurpassable inheritances of our Old Fraternity, such as are possessed by no other society in the world, and which have come down to us in all their glory from the remotest ages.

"And these old gems of our history, traditions and symbolism are being yearly redresesd, with new settings, by the ablest Masonic scholars and writers who ever lived, and they are brought into the congenial sunshine of present-day thought and learning and are thus made to gleam with more and more effulgence as time goes on.

"But what are we doing to keep the lamp of knowledge burning in Texas? How many of our good brethren, sitting in the Grand Lodge today could give a reasonable account of the origin and growth of Freemasonry, based upon the best recognized historical authorities and stripped of the vast amount of fable and fiction that have been mingled with its real claims to antiquity? Who of us could account rationally for the legends and mysticisms of Freemasonry, and for the invention and perfection of its quaint and splendid ritualism?

"Who can explain its profound and beautiful symbolism, beyond the interpretations of the ritual and Monitor. Who can catalogue the Land Marks, or thread the story of the transformation from an operative craft to the speculative or philosophical society of the present day, or of the establishment of Lodges, Grand Lodges, and of the spread of regular Masonry throughout the countries of the modern world? and who can answer the other great questions, Why Masonry at all?

Brethren, our ritualism presents no answer to these questions and a hundred others; and yet, it seems to us that almost every Mason, at some time in his career, must ask himself these, or some of these questions. Why not learn to answer them? Can Masonry long survive with its lights thus obscured?"

To further the work of Masonic Education, the Grand Lodge of Iowa has instituded a clipping bureau. Clippings are collected from current Masonic magazines, and classified, so that when information is wanted, as to the current thought and comment on any Masonic subject, lodges or members can obtain whatever clippings are available. These, of course, have to be returned.

Further than this, the Grand Lodge of Iowa have blazed a new trail by supplying lantern slide lectures to any lodges desiring them, throughout the State. Two lectures, illustrated by lantern slides have been prepared for use in the lodges. These are put in neat boxes that will permit of their being safely sent from place to place in the Jurisdiction. The title of one of these lectures is "The Oldest Working Tools" and has reference to the metal and stone implements found under Cleopatra's Needle, by Bro. Corringe, when he was about to remove the Shaft to New York City. The other illustrated lecture, deals with the flag, "Old Glory" and shows the influence of Masonry in establishing the American Flag. In addition to this they have several other lectures which are given by different lecturers in different parts of the State, as requested.

Your committee feel that there is much information here worthy of careful consideration and would recommend that it be referred to the proper committee with a request to report further and recommend that legislation they deem necessary.

GRAND LODGE PROGRAM

Once a year, the brethren from all parts of the Jurisdiction meet together to receive reports from the officers and committees of Grand Lodge to select brethren to carry on the duties of these offices for the coming year, and to transact relative business. Many Grand Bodies are content with such a routine program. To these brethren has been given but a limited view of the potentialities of Masonry. A Masonic Grand Lodge which cannot rise above the level of a shareholders' annual meeting is a rather poor affair. Such a gathering ought to be a human dynamo supplying the driving power for all Masonic activities. The best thought of the most talented brethren should here receive expression. Contact should be made with world wide masonry. Such a unique occasion ought to be employed to the full of its opportunity for the exchange of experiences the defining of ideals, and the study of Craft history.

Indiana Brethren have established an annual dinner, which furnishes an intellectual, as well as a gastronomic feast—a happy union indeed. At one of these dinners, three short, pithy and altogether admiral addresses were given on the following themes:—

"The Things that make a great Lodge."

"The Province of a Lodge of Master Masons."

"Relation of the Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges to each other."

The individual Lodge existed and carried on its beneficent work before the first Grand Lodge was formed. Masonry today, is exemplified and finds expression in the constituent Lodge. Grand Lodge has its jurisdiction only in the measure of its service to the working unit of Masonry. A Grand Lodge, untrammelled by the fetters of custom has it within its power to make each communication a starting point for a new and grander field of service.

HIGHER DEGREES

The thought is gaining ground in many jurisdictions that the time has come when fundamental Masonry, that Masonry which has stood the test of the centuries should assert itself, and assume its rightful position. The so-called "Higher Degree" bodies are recognized by all who are familiar with them, as having a distinct purpose to serve in supplying a post-graduate course in Masonry to those who have shown themselves worthy. It is recognized that they undoubtedly can, and do in many cases broaden the scope and meaning of the blue lodge ritual, But—objection is made, when in some cases, as is evident from comment made, these so-called "Higher Degree" bodies attempt to make of Craft Masonry merely a recruiting ground and treat their own degree as something superior to, and greater than, Craft Masonry, and by so doing tend to lessen rather than increase interest, in the Masonry of the blue lodges. The time is considered to be ripe by many, for declaring that the Master Mason's degree is the highest and greatest Masonic degree, and that anything else is simply explanatory and subsidiary to it. It is to be hoped that conditions in Manitoba will never reach the stage of rivalry between Blue Lodge Masonry and the so-called Higher Degree bodies, and this reference is made, and these quotations given that such conditions may be avoided in Manitoba.

Your committee would not wish to be misunderstood, nor to have wrong motives imputed to them. The quotations that follow refer to conditions elsewhere than in Manitoba. And—what is possible elsewhere is equally possible here. On this account, it is felt that the matter should be referred to. This is intended to picture outstanding conditions and features in other Masonic Jurisdictions than our own with the view that we may profit from the experience of others.

M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of North Dakota, in speaking of what Masonry consists in, says in part:—

"The Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England says:—'Pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more:—Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, including the supreme order of the Holy Royal Arch.' This statement is made at this time to emphasize the necessity of getting back to fundamentals, at least occasionally. Anything else which is grouped under the head of Masonic degrees or orders, may be put down as the outgrowth of the zeal, the ambition, or the fertile brain, of some men or group of men to achieve fame for themselves, and possibly render a service to the seeker after higher light in Masonry. It is a well established fact that in the beginning, the Royal Arch Degree and that of Knight Templar, were conferred in a Lodge of Master Masons. Hence, we repeat that the Symbolic Lodge, the Lodge of Master Masons, is fundamental; and anything which cheapens or commercializes the institution, is, in our judgment, a serious reflection upon the dignity and character of Masonry. How many men are there in your acquaintance today who are seeking admission into our Lodges solely because of the attraction that Ancient Craft Masonry has for them with its wonderful lessons and its opportunities for service. Too frequently, we fear, there is something else in our present scheme of so-called Masonic degrees which attract their attention. Do not get the idea that we disapprove of the Royal Arch Degrees or the Templar Orders, or the Scottish Rite, or the Shrine. We have them all, but it is our desire tonight to impress upon you the fact that when all is said and done, Symbolic Masonry it was that has stood the test of opposition, of prejudice, of the anathemas of the church, and unless Masonry in this form is kept strong and vigorous your whole scheme of Higher Degrees falls. And we may add that we cannot disassociate our membership in any of these other degrees or bodies, with our capacity as Master Masons. May we urge that nothing ever be done in a public way which brings discredit upon Masonry in the eyes of the profane. Let us never forget that by our conduct as men is our institution judged."

Bro. Wm. H. Gorman, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in recommending that steps be taken to celebrate the Bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of England, said:—

"It is believed that the preparation in this and other Jurisdictions for this celebration will stimulate research work in the history and polity, as well as in the symbolism, ritualism and philosophy of our Order, and bring in a wider intelligence and better understanding as to its status, clearing the ground, particularly in the United States, for a second revival of Masonry and the restoration of its former prestige, when it shall cease to be a mere vestibule to other systems and shall become once again a mansion unto itself, with its forces re-awakened, and the Masonic allegiance of its members undivided.

"Such a revival is needed if we would preserve Ancient Craft Masonry in this country.

"Our own Grand Lodge has kept the faith; but not all of the Craft have done so, nor can that be said of those Grand Lodges who have permitted other systems to superimpose themselves upon the Craft and to relegate it to the status of a recruiting ground for their own initiates.

"Such a revival will speed the coming of the day when, regardless of the number or variety of degrees conferred in allied bodies, the Master Mason's degree will be recognized and honored as the highest degree in Masonry; when the Master Mason will realize that his largest opportunity, his best field of labor, lie within the Craft itself."

The Grand Master of Kansas, speaking of the York and Scottish Rites, says:—

"Brethren, your Grand Master proclaims allegiance to both these Rites, and he loves them both, but the foundation of the whole structure of Masonry is in the blue lodge, the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. If you desire, brethren, to strengthen and establish advanced learning in Masonry, see to it that the candidate is first a worthy Mason, one who has learned thoroughly, the first principles of the Craft, and has shown by his loyalty and devotion his fitness for promotion. Do not make, brethren, the lodge, the mere vestibule of higher degrees. Make it what it really is, the great lecture hall of the Masonic University. Other degrees, brethren, are intended to be advanced courses for such as are found proficient."

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota, to combat this tendency of rushing too soon into these other bodies, recently enacted the following regulation:—

"The following acts or omissions shall be deemed unmasonic conduct:—'To ask or solicit a Mason, within the body of a Lodge, or in the Lodge room, or in any of its anterooms, at any time preceding, during, or following a communication of a Lodge, to apply for the degrees of any organization whose membership is confined to Master Masons, whether or not said organization is recognized as masonic by this Grand Lodge.' The remedy lies, in our opinion, in the requiring of a certain novitiate in the preceding degrees by each body, before a candidate becomes eligible to promotion. The various bodies of the Scottish Rite, the Royal Arch Chapter, Commandery, and Shrine, should each require that its material have a membership long enough to show respect for the degrees of the preceding body before electing for its own degrees."

SUSPENSIONS FOR N.P.D.

The question of suspensions for N.P.D. stands out quite prominently in some reports, and certain solutions of the difficulty have been suggested:—

The Grand Secretary of California suggests the following:—

"Suspensions are not always the result of depressed business conditions, but in many instances the members in arrears might be kept in good standing and Masonic usefulness by studied effort on the part of the Masters and Secretaries. The largest lodge in this jurisdiction, with a membership of more than 900 lost no member last year by reason of suspension for N.P.D. One of its principle committees is a "Committee on Delinquent Members," and it is the duty of this committee to ascertain the cause of delinquency—with the happy result that if a member be in distress, his dues are promptly remitted, and if he be negligent, he is shown the error of his ways and his duty to his fellows." This particular lodge pursuing its usual splendid committee work on delinquents, report the loss of four members only, this year by suspension.

DIMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF TRANSFER

In order to cut down the number of non-affiliated Masons the Grand Lodge of Michigan following the example of New Mexico, adopted the following law:—

"A member of a lodge, who resides within the territorial jurisdiction of a lodge whose territorial jurisdiction is different than that of the lodge of which he is a member, may petition the lodge, in whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, for affiliation therein, and such last mentioned lodge may receive the petition, and if received, it must be referred to a committee of Investigation, and upon report of the committee, may take a ballot, and if thereupon, such petition is accepted, the brother shall become a member of the lodge so accepting him when it shall receive a transfer certificate showing that such brother has been regularly discharged from membership in the first mentioned lodge, and he shall have signed the by-laws of the lodge accepting him. Failing to sign the by-laws of the lodge accepting him, within three months from the date of the certificate, the certificate shall become null and void. The Secretary of the accepting lodge shall at once notify the lodge granting the certificate when the brother has consummated his membership, or return the certificate if the brother has not consummated his membership within the prescribed time."

"No member shall be permitted to transfer from the lodge of which he is a member, until he shall present a certificate from some lodge that he has petitioned for membership, stating that he has been elected therein. On presentation of such petition, and upon the written request of the brother, the lodge at a regular communication, if the member is not an elected officer of, or indebted to the lodge, or under charges, shall issue a certificate of transfer, which shall not be delivered to the brother, but shall be transmitted by the secretary to the lodge from which such certificate of petition and election came; which certificate of transfer shall not become operative, or the brother's membership in the lodge issuing the certificate of transfer terminated, until notice has been received that the brother has consummated membership in the other lodge, by signing the by-laws thereof. Provided that when any member shall become a resident of another Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, a dimit may be granted to him direct, and without compliance with the foregoing provisions.

"Provided, further, that any number of brothers desiring to form a new lodge, may apply in writing, to the lodgeg or lodges of which they are members, for certificates, in order that they may form such new lodge and the lodge or lodges to which they belong may grant such certificates, but when such certificates are granted, they shall be sent by the secretaries of the lodges granting them, to the Grand Secretary, and shall be by him attached to the petition for the dispensation to form the new lodge, and such certificate shall not become operative, or the membership of the brother or brethren in the lodge or lodges issuing the same, be terminated, until such brother or brethren shall have become members of such new lodge."

The Grand Secretary of Michigan reports that it has had the desired effect of preventing a large army of unaffiliated Masons.

As this is a desirable contingency, your committee would recommend that this be referred to the proper committee to deal with it, with the request that they report further and introduce legislation if necessary.

AMENDMENTS AND REGULATIONS TO BE PRINTED IN PROCEEDINGS

In reviewing the proceedings of other jurisdictions, several instances have been noted where any amendments of the constitution or any regulations or rulings have been passed since the last edition of the Constitution was printed, these amendments, rulings and regulations have been printed in the proceedings from year to year until another edition of the Constitution were printed, when they would be dropped from the proceedings and printed in the Constitution. This custom enables each lodge to have always on file an up-to-date copy of the law of the Jurisdiction. Your Committee would recommend that this system be adopted in Manitoba.

DIGEST TO GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

Grand Master Chas. H. Darling, of Vermont, says, regarding a digest to Grand Lodge Proceedings:—

"A literature contributes greatly to the strength and support of a nation or of an institution, and it has been found among some ancient states that their art and literature are their chief claims to greatness. So with the Masonic Institution, among its kind, no other has such a volume of history, tradition and literature; and effort expended in the preservation and in the establishment of its history and literature contributes greatly to the strength of the instiution.

"Our Grand Lodge of Proceedings cover 70 Annual Reports since the revival of work in Grand Lodge after the Great Anti-

Masonic Movement. These Reports contain a large amount of Masonic, biographical, historical, and other matters of local, state and Masonic interest. It is impossible to find any particular thing or to learn anything of what is in these Reports without going through them book by book; and I recommend that an Index Digest be made and published of these proceedings. The expense will not be large and the result will be worth the cost. It will attract the attention of the student of our art, and will encourage the lodges to acquire and preserve the Grand Lodge Proceedings, and will increase the general Masonic information of the grethren. This can probably be best done by one man, with, perhaps, a conference committee."

Realizing the importance of this recommendation, your committee would recommend that our Board of General Purposes appoint some one or some committee to undertake to prepare a similar index of our Proceedings.

MASONIC UNITY

At the last Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, you authorized this committee to make formal overtures to certain Masonic bodies we were not formally in fraternal accord with. This Grand Lodge took advanced ground in order to further the cause of Masonic Unity, and hasten the day when Masonry would be, in fact, a universal system of brotherhood. The broad principle was adopted that, in countries where Craft Masonry was allied with, or governed by, the authority of the so-called higher degree bodies, that, itself, would be no bar to our recognizing the Masons of the Craft Lodges of those countries. Further, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, "for the sake of the attainment of our ideal of universal brotherhood," adopted the principles that we can enter into fraternal relationship with any masonic body whose members are good men and true, men of honor and honesty, who are earnest searchers after the same truth as we are, even though they do not insist in lodge on the presence of the Bible on the altar, and the declaration of belief in the G. A. of the U." The expresesd desire was to build up a universal brotherhood by welding together Masonry that is not divided.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, by this action a year ago, assumed a position in the very forefront of those forces that are working towards the attainment of universal brotherhood and world peace. Adverse criticism was to be expected, and we have received it to a limited extent. In most cases our action has excited comment only, and that of a more or less sympathetic nature, for the Masonic world is fast coming to a realization of the fact that if Freemasonry is to exercise any real and far-reaching influence toward the furtherance of a wider and closer unity of the world in the future, it must itself become united, and, by means of the trowel, cement the scattered stones into one common mass. The spirit of Masonry is to unite men that they may work together with common purpose for the uplift of humanity.

The editor of "The Builder," Bro. Joseph Fort Newton, recently suggested, in the pages of that magazine, immediate action to this end.

"How could we better celebrate the bi-centennial of the founding of the Mother Grand Lodge in June, 1917, than by a united effort to make an end of Masonic sectarianism, and bring to the service of humanity, in one of the darkest days of its history, a united Masonry! Henceforth we must rise above race, rank, religion and technicality, and think in world terms, drawing a vaster design on our tracing board, the while we renew our vows to the profound far-shining, universal principles of the greatest order of men on earth."

Your committee, following your instructions, have been working to that end during the past year. From private information received, they can say, also, that certain strong influences are at work in other jurisdictions to the attainment of the same end as we have in view. It may safely be predicted that other Grand Jurisdictions on this continent and overseas will at no very distant date follow the course of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in an endeavor to repair the broken chain of Universal Freemasonry.

Early in the year letters were sent to foreign Masonic Jurisdictions we had not established relationship with, advising them of our sincere desire to further the cause of Masonic unity by arranging, if possible, for mutual recognition between ourselves and them, and inviting their co-operation to that end. Our claims for recognition were stated, and each was asked in return for the following information:—

"1. From what Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges the constituent lodges that organized their Grand Lodge derived their charters?

"2. By what Grand Jurisdictions were they now recognized?

"3. What degrees are worked in their constituent lodges?

"4. Had they any mixed lodges of men and women, or lodges for women only?

"5. Were they willing to recognize that we have sovereign control over Craft Masonry in the Province of Manitoba, and to undertake not at any time to grant charters to a Craft Lodges in the Province of Manitoba if we made a like promise to them with regard to their jurisdiction?"

Having this information, your committee felt they would be in a position to decide whether or not the Masonry considered was legitimate and entitled to recognition by us. Replies have not been received from all, but certain ones have given us such information and pledges as your committee feel entitles them to recognition by us, and they wish to make recommendation accordingly:—

THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE

The Grand Orient of France was organized in Paris in 1736. Its constitution was of the model of Anderson's original Constitution 1723. The Grand Orient was recognized as legitimate Masonry by the Grand Lodge of England, and in fact by all legitimate masons throughout the world. At that time in all Masonic Constitutions there was an absolute absence of dogma concerning in which all men agree; that is to be good men and true, men of God and Religion, and Masons were bound only to that religion in which all men agree; that is to be good men and true, men of honor and honesty. The aim of the fraternity was purely humanitarian, its principles broad enough for men of every diverse opinion. The desire was simply to unite them, whatever their private religious beliefs, in uplift work for themselves and for humanity.

Changes came first in England. About the middle of the eighteenth century, the so-called Landmarks regarding a declaration of belief in the G.A. of the U. and the placing of the Bible on the Altar, were adopted. Following this, for the greater part of a century the French Constitution adhered strictly to the original plan of the fraternity and did not contain that formula which has since, in some places, come to be regarded as essential. During this time neither the Grand Lodge of England nor any other recognized Grand Lodge took any exception to this notable omission. French Masons were considered neither "Godless" nor "Atheistic." As time went on, the French Constitution was changed to conform to that of the Grand Lodge of England. One writer has said this was co-incident with a closer political approach of the two nations, England and France. The constitution of the Grand Orient of France followed the English copy until shortly after the Franco-Prussian war, when they reverted back to what it had been originally. Co-incident with this change, history records political estrangement between France and England which continued until recent years. When France reverted back to her original constitution, the Grand Lodge of England immediately afterwards severed relations with France, and generally speaking, Masonry of English speaking countries followed suit, claiming that the change made by the Grand Orient of France was Atheistic in tendency.

It may be interesting to note that the original proposer that the Grand Orient of France should suppress the formula of the

G.A. of the U. was a clergyman of the Protestant Church, and he stated, in justification, as follows:—

"In suppressing the formula respecting the G.A. of the U. we did not mean to replace it by a materialistic formula. None among us in proposing this suppression, thought of professing atheism or materialism, and we declare formally and emphatically that we had no other end in view that to proclaim absolute liberty of conscience."

Bro. Joseph E. Morecombe, writing recently in the "American Freemason" describing what followed this change of formula by the Grand Orient of France says:—

"Immediately the Church of Rome, watchful and prompt in its hatreds, sensed opportunity to weaken Freemasonry by bringing division between the different sections of the Craft. It raised the cry of "Atheistic France" with all the variations with which students of history are familiar from the time of the Great Revolution to the present. To the whole world it was proclaimed that French Masons had removed God from their Constitution and the Bible from their Altars, as later like accusations were brought against the schools of the Republic. It was nothing to these enemies of Freemasonry what had been the antecedent conditions; their only concern was to bring dissension, and they succeeded; the long time foe of Freemasonry became suddenly complacent to the Craft of Great Britain and the United States. 'Surely you' so ran the plausible argument, 'being God-fearing men, can have no part or parcel, with these who have violated your own land marks and have repudiated the Supreme Being,' and the smug orthodoxy of the English speaking countries, being then, as now, influenced by words, took sudden alarm, and affected a Godly concern lest they should be contaminated. That section of the English Established Church, leaning to Rome, and very influential to the Masonry of that country, was the first element to listen sympathetically to the disturbers. At their instance, and that of their followers, the Grand Lodges of England, the others of Great Britain and her Dominions and those of the United States severed the relationship with the Masonry of France. In doing this, there was no attempt to secure information. Read, if you will the Report on Correspondence of that time, and learn upon what tenuous pegs of argument the action of disruption was hung."

Whether this explanation is a correct one or not, each can search and decide for himself. The fact remains that this action of the Grand Orient of France was made the reason for a split in our ranks, notwithstanding the fact that French Masonry for many years was recognized as genuine, and at the same time it had the same tenets and principles as are considered objectionable today.

Your committee feel that the Craft Masons of the Grand Orient of France are deserving of recognition by us, and would recommend that the same be accorded to them. They conform to all the conditions we have laid down as essential; they are directly descended from legitimate masonry; they have no mixed lodges of men and women, nor lodges of women only, nor do they recognize such; and they are willing to recognize our sovereignty in this jurisdiction, and not encroach on our rights in any way. The Craft Masons of the Grand Orient of France constitute the administrative and legislative power in their system, because the Craft lodges alone, have the right to have themselves represented at their Annual Assembly.

Much information could be given regarding the activity of French Masonry along broad altruistic lines. Space does not permit. Your committee are satisfied they are deserving of our warmest fraternal friendship because of the work they are doing as Masons. We need not enlarge on what France deserves from us because of the closer than brotherly tie that now unites us in the great fight for humanity we are now united in.

It is interesting to note that at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Grand Master Purser had this to say regarding the Grand Orient of France:—

"A comparison of the Declaration of Principles in Anderson's Ancient Constitutions, and in the present book of Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France does not show the difference which has been claimed to exist, and which has been the basis of withdrawal of recognition from the Masons of this great country.

"The Brotherhod of man" carries with it the sacramentally necessary belief of a common Fatherhood, "The Fatherhood of God." And a declaration of belief in God is not of any greater necessity than a declaration of the necessity for legitimacy of birth in an application. No man can recognize his fraternal relations with humanity without basing the same upon the knowledge of the Paternity of the True and Ever Living God.

"An examination of the history of the French people and a knowledge of their ideas and ideals is sufficient upon which to base recognition of the Grand Orient. It is true that what we call the Great Light in Masonry, and which is a prerequisite with us, the Bible, is not required to be placed upon their Altars, but American Masons, and especially Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, have widely divergent beliefs concerning this Book.

"There are those of us—and I among the number—who believe it to be the Holy Bible, and the actual word of God. There are others who believe it to be the historical record, first of the people, and then of a religious sect, changing from one dispensation to a new. There are others who believe it to be historical legends and moral teachings only. And we have still others who believe that but the first thirty-nine books are Divine and the following twenty-seven are sectarian history only. While those of another faith, who have been permitted to join with us by initiation and affiliation, do not believe in it at all.

"I favor and recommend recognition of the Grand Orient of France."

Nothing could seem more fitting at the present time than for our Grand Lodge to officially advise the Grand Orient of France that to the members of their Craft Lodges, we wish to extend the privileges and enjoyments of full fraternal brotherhood with us, that we will welcome them among us as brother Masons, as we feel sure they will welcome any of our members who may be now or hereafter in France.

Your committee recommend that this be done.

NATIONAL INDEPENDENT AND REGULAR GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE AND OF THE FRENCH COLONIES

We have received a communication from the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, which was founded in September, 1913, asking for fraternal recognition. This Grand Lodge was formed with a view to establishing in France a Masonic System that would conform to the demands of English-speaking Masonry regarding a declaration of belief in Deity and the volume of the Sacred Law.

This Grand Lodge has been recognized by England, Scotland and a few other Grand Bodies, but in most cases recognition has been refused largely because they have only two, possibly three lodges,—their total membership is less than 100 and the lodges forming the Grand Lodge had been created by the Grand Orient of France, a body not generally recognized as legitimate, so that it is viewed as a case of illegitimate lodges, without in manner being healed or reconstituted by any regular Grand Body, uniting to form a Grand Lodge. It is generally felt that the resultant Body in a case of this kind must necessarily be illegitimate, unless the Masonic world is ready to admit that any group of men, even profanes, can get together, and by adopting Masonic principles, practices and ritual, entitle themselves to recognition as a regular Masonic body.

Your committee do not feel barred from recognizing the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, for the last given reason, because the Masonry of the Grand Orient of France is not considered to be illegitimate by your Committee. The desire of this Grand Lodge, as expressed at our Communication of a year ago, is to unite Masonry that is now divided. It does not seem to your committee that this end can be served by our recognizing, at this time, at any rate, a masonic body that is tending to disunite rather than unite French Masonry. Your committee would rather be inclined, if they were asked for advice by the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge, to recommend that they re-affirm their allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, and by so doing help the cause of Masonic Unity in France. To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, your committee would recommend that for the present at least, recognition, be not granted to the National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France.

THE GRAND LODGE OF NORWAY

In answer to our enquiry, your committee learned that the Grand Lodge of Norway is a direct descendant from the Grand Lodge of England through patent granted 1749. Sometime after this, it merged into the Grand Lodge of Sweden, but in 1891, the Grand Lodge of Norway was formed again, with the King as Grand Master, and when Norway and Sweden separated in 1905, the Grand Lodge of Norway appointed its own Grand Master. Their work is done according to the Swedish Rites, which as pointed out in this report last year, is Christian in teaching. The Grand Lodge of Norway is mentioned by a great many of Grand Lodges, among whom may be mentioned England, Scotland and Ireland. Your committee would recommend that recognition be granted by us and arrangements made for the appointment of Grand Representatives.

GRAND ORIENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

Your commitee learn from the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, that they are fully in accord with the principle regarding Masonic Unity as expressed in this report a year ago. They inform us that their Grand Orient was formed in 1770, and that all the constituent lodges that organized the Grand Orient derived their Charters from the Grand Lodges throughout the world, among whom are England, Scotland, Illinois, and Canada. Only the first three degrees are worked in their constituent lodges. Your committee believe them in every way entitled to recognition by us, and would recommend that the necessary formal arrangements be made, and Grand Representatives appointed.

In connection with the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, an interesting happening is reported by the Grand Lodge of Ireland:

"A pleasing incident in connection with the war took place in Holland in the early part of the year. Amongst the men of the British Naval Brigade who were captured and interned in Holland were a number of Masons to whom our Dutch Brethren showed a good deal of kindness. They conceived the idea of forming a Lodge at the Interment camp at Groningen, and applied to the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands for a Charter of Constitution. This was granted under the title of "Gastvryheid" No. 113, with permission to conduct the ceremonies in the English language, and in accordance with the English ritual, and was duly constituted by that Grand Lodge."

GRAND ORIENT OF ITALY.

From the Grand Orient of Italy your committee have learned that it was established in 1861 by an amalgamation of the Masonic lodges then existing in Italy. It limits its authority to the first three degrees. The Grand Orient of Italy is recognized by a long list of Grand Bodies, among whom are Holland, Egypt, Cuba, New York, New Zealand and South Australia. They have complied with the requirements of your committee, who believe them entitled to recognition. In this connection, we clip from the Report of Grand Master Bledso, to the Grand Lodge at California regarding a conference with the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy:—

"We ascertained at this conference that the Grand Oriont of Italy now conforms in every substantial respect to the requirements, as we understand them, of regularity in Freemasonry. The regular Blue Lodge degrees are divorced from, and are no longer under the control or dominion of, the Scottish Rite Bodies in Italy. The Bible is recognized as the rule and guide of their faith, and there would seem to be no reason why the regular Italian Masons in California should not be permitted to hold Masonic intercourse with their brethren of the Old Country, holding allegiance with the Grand Orient therein."

Your committee would recommend that we formally recognize the Grand Orient of Italy, and that arrangements be made for the exchange of Grand Representatives.

GRAND LODGE OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

Your committee during the year considered the request of the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Panama for recognition. Certain information as to their antecedents and other matters is considered necessary before this matter can be decided. This has been written for but has not come to hand as yet. Your committee would recommend that this matter be held over for next year's committee to deal with.

This is briefly an account of the work of your committee on behalf of Masonic Unity, during the past year. A little has been done, but not as much as hoped for. This phase of our Masonic work, your committee feel to be most important, and they recommend that the work done so far, be followed up again and again holding out the hand of fraternal friendship, and endeavoring to knit the Masonry of the world together in full accordance with Masonic ideals and principles.

Fraternally submitted,

PERCY E. KELLETT,
Chairman.

Moved by R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), that the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114), seconded by W. Bro. Joseph Gibson (43), and

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received; that the Committee be heartily thanked for their diligence; that the Report be adopted excepting that portion which recommends the recognition of certain bodies hitherto not in communication with this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to direct the attention of all subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction to these recommendations and invite them to give careful consideration to the whole question and give instruction to their Representatives to Grand Lodge with a view to definite action upon these recommendations by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 1918.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor at 11 o'clock p.m., until 10 o'clock, a.m., Thursday, June 14th.

Second Day = Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 14th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PROBLEMS OF A COUNTRY LODGE

The discussion was opened by R.W. Bro. John M. Riley on the question of placing of the Lodge Furniture;

R.W. Bro. Rowland H. Brotherhood read a paper on "The selection of the Officers of the Lodge;" and

V.W. Bro. Sterling B. Chamberlain read a paper prepared by R.W. Bro. Benjamin E. Rothwell, on "Suggestions as to increasing interest in Lodge meetings."

The discussion was of exceptional interest and should be productive of much good.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge the income of the Fund known as the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, has been paid into the Benevolent Fund and made available for relief of those of our brethren and dependants who require and deserve assistance.

In accordance with the power given to your Committee, regulations governing the payment of grants from the Benevolent Fund were prepared and printed and a copy thereof sent to every Lodge in the jurisdiction. Forms of application were also prepared and printed. The regulations have since been revised and made more concise, but no change has been made in the import of same. These revised regulations and forms are attached to this report and your Committee would recommend their adoption.

Eight applications for assistance have been submitted since the creation of the fund. On investigation it was found that five of these desired but temporary relief and your Committee is pleased to report that ample provision for all these cases was made either by the Local Lodge or through the City Benevolent Fund. Of the remaining three cases, monthly grants have been made to one applicant and the others are still under consideration.

The demands upon this fund are small at present. Your Committee sincerely hope that this is a result of general prosperity among our brethren and the activity of local Lodges in caring for those who may be needing assistance.

It may be, however, that as a result of the awful conflict now raging in Europe, many demands will be made on this fund in the near future.

The M.W. Grand Master, Bro. H. E. Bletcher, has addressed an open appeal to all the members of this jurisdiction requesting donations to the Fund administered by this Committee. As is generally known, your Committee only receives the interest earned from the investments of Grand Lodge under the fund known as the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, but it is expected that this income will be inadequate for anticipated requirements during the next year. In order to meet the contingency the appeal of the Grand Master has been issued and we earnestly trust the various Craft Lodges will take action in their own membership so that a deeper interest of the individual member may be aroused whereby revenue will be forthcoming in order to have the work successfully carried out and with credit to the fraternity of the Jurisdiction.

WAR RELIEF FUND

To your Committee was entrusted the duty of administering the War Relief Fund raised during the term of office of M.W. Bro. Fenwick. In connection therewith your Committee begs to report that from this Fund grants have been made up to and including the 30th day of March, 1917, to the amount of $2,400.00. The War Relief Institutions benefitted therefrom and the various grants made appear in the financial statement of the Benevolent Fund.

In administering this fund your Committee proceeded on the assumption that it was the desire to have as many as possible of the War Relief Institutions receive assistance. Financial statements of the various Institutions assisted are being obtained and additional grants will be made to those that appear in the Judgment of your Committee most deserving.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

As a result of the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence, your Committee was instructed to consider the question of establishing an Employment Bureau in this Grand Jurisdiction. Your Committee has obtained reports from similar Bureaus in other Grand Jurisdictions and has been impressed with the very valuable work which is being done. It appears that these Bureaus are established in the large centres of population and one Grand Jurisdiction has as many as five different Bureaus. Each is maintained by an Assessment on the Lodges conducting their work in that particular centre. The work of some of these Bureaus is so great that a permanent staff has to be employed for that purpose alone.

The City of Winnipeg is the only place in the Grand Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge that has more than two Craft Lodges and from a canvas which has been made of the various Lodge Secretaries it has been found that but few applications for employment have been made by Masons during the past year, and in the majority of cases, positions have been found through some Brother of the Lodge.

It is a fact, however, that our Grand Secretary frequently receives applications for employment not only from the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, but also from unaffiliated brethren and your Committee is of the opinion that a Masonic Employment Bureau in the City of Winnipeg would be of great benefit to our unemployed brethren and will be of greater value in the near future when our brethren return from the front.

Your Committee is of the opinion that such a Bureau should, be organized and conducted by the Winnipeg Lodges in connection with the City Benevolent Fund. It therefore recommends that the matter be referred to the Board of General Purposes to negotiate with the Lodges and that the Board be empowered to pledge the recognition of this Grand Lodge to such a Bureau and to give such assistance thereto as it may consider necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE N. JACKSON, Chairman.

REGULATIONS OF BENEVOLENT FUND OF GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

This fund shall be applied to the relief of poor and distressed Masons, their families and dependants.

Grants from the Fund shall be made in cases requiring more or less continuous assistance, but the Committee may extend relief wherever it deems necessary.

The following general regulations shall be observed:—

1. THE Committee shall require an application for relief to be made through a Lodge, under its seal, signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary. The Lodge shall have passed a resolution to this effect and shall attach a copy of it to the application. This application must be made on a printed form furnished by the Grand Secretary.

2. AS the assistance given from the fund is to be regarded as supplementary to the benevolent activities of the Lodge making application, the Committee shall require a detailed statement shewing the amounts expended by the Lodge for benevolent purposes during the six months last preceding the date of the application.

3. CHEQUES on this fund shall be drawn in favor of the Grantee and the Master of the Lodge making application.

4. THE Committee may extend relief to an unaffiliated Mason or to relatives of a deceased Mason who at the time of his death was unaffiliated, if the Lodge making application establishes that the Mason was not at fault or indifferent to his duty.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), seconded by V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25),

That the report of the Committee on Benevolence and the regulations regarding applications for relief as submitted be received and adopted.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. William A. McKay (3), seconded by W. Bro. Frank H. Mitchell (114),

That the words "But the name of the beneficiary may be omitted from the resolution at the discretion of the Committee on Benevolence" be added after the word effect in the fourth line of Section one of the regulations. The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared "lost." The motion was then put to Grand Lodge and declared "Carried."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee have considered the report of the Grand Librarian and beg to report:—

The travelling library sets referred to in the Library report a year ago have been arranged and in order that the Lodges thoughout the Jurisdiction may have full knowledge of these the following circular was addressed to the Lodges:—

TRAVELLING LIBRARY SETS

To all subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

The Grand Lodge in session, having authorized your Library Committee to institute a scheme of circulating travelling library sets, the Committee have selected standard masonic works which are at the disposal of all Lodges and members in the jurisdiction. The titles of the books chosen are detailed herein, and Lodges who are desirous of obtaining the use of these will be governed by the following rules:

1. Only one set of books can be had by any Lodge at one time.

2. Application to the Grand Secretary for the use of a set must be made by the Secretary of a Lodge under seal of the Lodge and all responsibility for the safe return of all books is to be assumed by the Lodge making the application.

3. Each set must be returned to the Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, within sixty days. This rule must be adhered to, as the object of circulating the sets continuously will be defeated unless the sets are kept in constant use.

4. Application for the use of the books will be filed in the order received.

5. When any set is returned, the Lodge sending same must advise the Grand Secretary accordingly and obtain ackowledgement of its receipt.

The intention of this system of circulating Masonic works is to create a deeper interest in the study side of our Institution, and it is expected that a member using the books will give the benefit of his studies to the members of his Lodge in due course.

Should any brother be interested in following out any definite line of study, the Library Committee will be pleased to suggest further books on the subject, or if possible will endeavor to put him in touch with the desired work.

Suggestions for extending the travelling library will be appreciated by the Committee and it is hoped many of the Lodges in the jurisdiction, outside of the City of Winnipeg, will avail itself of this opportunity thus extended for furthering their Masonic knowledge.

The sets are numbered 1, 2 and 3 and are composed as follows:—

SET NO. 1.

Concise History of Freemasonry	By R. F. Gould
The Spirit of Freemasonry	By Wm. Hutchison
Signs and Symbols (12 lectures)	By Dr. Geo. Oliver

SET NO. 2

The Traditions, Origin and early History of Freemasonry	By A. T. C. Pierson and G. W. Steinbrenner
Masonic Parliamentary Law	By A. G. Mackey, M.D.
History of Initiation	By Dr. Geo. Oliver

SET NO. 3.

Antiquities of Freemasonry	By Dr. Geo. Oliver
The Builders	By Joesph Fort Newton
Historical Landmarks of Freemasonry	By Dr. Geo. Oliver

Since the circular was sent out three additional sets of books have been arranged and the titles of the volumes are as follows:

SET NO. 4.

The Builders	J. Fort Newton
Mystic Masonry	J. D. Buck
Traces of a Hidden Tradition	Mrs. Cooper Oakley

SET NO. 5.

The Builders	J. Fort Newton
The Genius of Freemasonry	J. D. Buck
Rationale and Ethics of Freemasonry	A. C. L. Arnold

SET NO. 6.

The Builders	J. Fort Newton
Byways of Freemasonry	J. T. Lawrence
The Mission of Masonry	Madison C. Peters

We have now six sets of books travelling through the Jurisdiction, and it is gratifying to note the demand for these. The Grand Secretary reports he has eight requests on file waiting for the return of sets now in the country and these will be complied with at the earliest moment.

Your committee would gladly welcome suggestions as to books considered suitable for the extension of our travelling library or for permanent use on the shelves of the library. Many brothers must from time to time read some book suitable for our purpose and suggestions will be appreciated.

The usual Proceedings from Sister Grand Lodges have been received and placed on our shelves likewise several volumes purchased during the year.

Your Committee asks that the usual grant of Fifty dollars be granted for the purchase of books.

Fraternally submitted,
WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), the report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Grand Master's Address finds it difficult to adequately express themselves upon the same within the very limited time at their disposal.

The address is one abounding in wealth of thought, teeming with high sentiments, pregnant with sound and sage advice, and shows unmistakable signs of great care in its preparation; it also exhibits extensive reading, and a deep sense of responsibility; and in addition is couched in language, evincing erudation and phraseology of no mean order.

Your Committee feel that they can for obvious reasons, do but scant justice to such an address, it is far too prolific and profound to criticize in detail, and your Committee advise that it is worthy of the careful perusal of all the Brethren.

The address in short outlines the true philosophy of our order, hard to define at all times, but sufficiently broad in all its teachings, to embrace the multitudinous idiosycrasies, and characteristics of the human breast—this is the bulwark of its greatness, and the principles upon which its longevity depends.

Happy are the remarks concerning the passing to the Great Beyond of our dear R.W. Bro. James E. Maynard, and worthy beyond words, is such a tribute to his memory. He set many a younger member an example of an adherance to the principles of uprightness, and humility, and a strict observance of the teaching of the Craft, and that up to the last of his days which numbered nearly four score years and ten.

The Grand Master touches upon the great conflict in Europe; his remarks are most opportune, and beautifully expressed, a conflict which seems to shake the whole fabric of civilization, and sets at naught many preconceived ideas, upon hosts of subjects, and brings us to a sense of our own unworthiness, and much needed introspection of our lives and actions. May we but profit by the lesson bought at such a price, and begin to amend and correct our many errors of the past.

We are heartily in sympathy with the Grand Master's reference to the 200th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, and also to the bi-centenary of the formation of our great Dominion, and we feel that these two great epochs should not pass unnoticed by the Grand Lodge.

We also feel with the Grand Master, that there should be more flexibility between the Board of General Purposes, and the various Committees, than that which now exists, and that the various District Deputy Grand Masters' should keep more in touch with Grand Lodge, throughout their term of office, than they formerly have done.

The remarks of the Grand Master re-Masonic Insurance are most timely.

We therefore heartily commend the address on all subjects touched upon, and particularly the concluding portion upon the relationship of Masonry to the public.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. BAKER, Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Bro. George W. Baker (10), seconded by M. W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), the Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

The report of the Grand Secretary, detailing as it does the varied activities of his office, many of which are of a routine character, may make but a slight appeal to the casual reader. Your Committee, however, finds much of heart interest in our Brother's report. It records the passing of ninety-five of our brethren during the year, the largest list in the history of our Grand Lodge. Thirty of these brethren laid down their lives on the battle stricken plains of France and Flanders in obedience to their country's call.

There is a distinct improvement over the previous year in the number of applications for initiation received by the Lodges, and a net increase in membership of one hundred and fifty-two. Your Committee welcomes the evidence of the progress of the craft in this Province in the granting of the dispensation for a new lodge at Minitonas.

In ten instances dispensations to confer degrees within the prescribed time were issued—another reminder of the incidence of war, the candidate in each case being about to leave for oversea's service.

An unusually large number of dispensations to attend Divine service were granted. Your Committee heartily commend the lodges that in this public fashion recognize the Divine Providence which guides the destiny of men and nations.

Your Committee is satisfied that few Grand Lodges are as fortunate as this one in the possession of a Grand Secretary so indefatiguable in the discharge of the duties of his office, so courteous to the numerous visitors daily found at his office and so versatile in his range of Masonic knowledge.

Fraternally sumitted,

ALBERT L. CROSSIN, Chairman.

On motion of V. W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), seconded by M. W. Bro. William Chambers (84), the Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that the Election of Officers would take place at 3.30 o'clock p.m.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.10 o'clock p.m., until 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

LUNCHEON

On invitation of the Past Master's Association, the brethren adjourned to the Fort Garry Hotel for Luncheon, after which an address was delivered by W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott, Worshipful Master of Northern Light Lodge, No. 10.

Second Day = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 14th, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The representatives of sister Grand Lodges, as reported present on page 315, were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. the Grand Master, and fraternal greetings exchanged.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with Section 11 of the Constitution the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Winnipeg.

THANKS TO PAST MASTERS' ASSOCIATION

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), seconded by R. W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71), and

Resolved:—That the members of Grand Lodge from without the City of Winnipeg, duly recognizing the labor necessary in arranging for the splendid luncheon and the effort involved in the preparation of the magnificient intellectual treat delivered by W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott, express to the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg their sincere appreciation of delightful entertainment tendered them at the luncheon in the Fort Garry Hotel.

THANKS TO W. BRO. LORNE J. ELLIOTT

It was moved by M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113), and

Resolved:—That the best thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott, W. M. Northern Light Lodge No. 10, for his very instructive and entertaining address which was much appreciated.

THANKS TO RAILWAY COMPANIES

It was moved by R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), seconded by V.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), and

Resolved:—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the Canadian Northern Railway Co., and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., for the liberal rates of fare extended to its members and the ladies accompanying them.

GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES

On motion of R.W. Bro. James F. C. Menlove (43), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), the Finance Committee was authorized to refund to the Grand Master the amount expended by him in travelling, and for other expenses during his term of office.

TESTIMONIAL TO M.W. BRO. HENRY E. BLETCHER, P.G.M.

On motion of R.W. Bro. George Camsell (75), seconded by R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a Past Grand Master's Chain, Collar and Jewel for presentation to M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, P.G.M.

RANK OF PAST D.D.G. MASTER

On motion of R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), seconded by V.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), the Rank of Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

PLACING OF LODGE FURNITURE

It was moved by R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12), seconded by W. Bro. James H. Pollock (54), and

Resolved:—That the question of the proper placing of the Lodge furniture be referred to the Board of General Purposes for their consideration and that they bring in a recommendation at next annual Communication.

R.W. BRO. WILLARD C. COPELAND, HON. LIFE MEMBER

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (74), seconded by R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), and

Resolved:—That R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Board of General Purposes in recognition of his thirty-two years faithful service.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION

It was moved by W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114), seconded by V.W. Bro. Andrew G. Cowan (4), and

Resolved:—That R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett be a delegate to represent this Grand Lodge at a meeting to be held to discuss ways and means for the fitting celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Confederation.

DELEGATE TO GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), seconded by W. Bro. Joseph Gibson (43), and

Resolved:—That M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113) be appointed to represent this Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and convey fraternal greetings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

R.W. Bro. James F. C. Menlove, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report as follows:—

There are 77 chartered Lodges on the Grand Register; 48 Lodges are represented by their own Officers, 22 Lodges by proxy, and 7 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 157 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 367.

Your Committee find the Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented as follows:—

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	--	--	8	--	11
2	Lisgar	1	1	--	3	--	6
3	Ancient Landmark	1	--	--	3	--	6
4	St. John's	1	1	1	8	--	11
6	Emerson	--	--	1	3	--	6
7	Assiniboine	1	--	1	6	--	9
8	King Solomon	--	--	--	1	1	4
9	Oakland	--	--	--	3	1	6
10	Northern Light	1	--	--	11	--	14
11	Gladstone	--	1	--	3	--	6
12	Stonewall	--	--	1	6	--	9
13	Belmont	1	1	--	2	--	5
14	Prince of Wales	--	--	--	1	1	4
15	Corinthian	1	1	--	2	--	5
19	Brandon	1	--	1	2	--	5
24	Neepawa	--	--	1	5	1	8
25	Ionic	1	1	--	8	--	11
27	Glenwood	--	--	--	--	1	3
29	Carberry	1	--	--	1	--	4
30	Manitou	--	--	--	1	1	4
36	Doric	--	1	--	3	--	6
39	Birtle	--	1	--	--	--	3
40	Deloraine	--	--	--	--	1	3
43	Lebanon	--	--	--	3	1	6
44	Oak Lake	--	--	--	3	1	6
48	Glenboro	1	1	--	1	--	4
49	Temple	--	--	--	3	1	6
50	Killarney	1	--	--	1	--	4
51	Treherne	--	1	1	5	--	8
52	Hartney	1	--	--	4	--	7
54	Oriental	1	--	--	2	--	5
55	East Star	--	1	--	1	--	4
62	Russell	--	--	--	1	1	4
63	Holland	1	--	--	1	--	4
64	Composite	--	--	--	1	1	4
67	Wawanesa	--	1	--	2	--	5
68	Vermilion	1	--	--	--	--	3
70	Shiloh	1	--	--	2	--	5
71	Crystal	1	--	--	2	--	5
74	Elkhorn	1	--	--	1	--	4
75	Gothic	1	--	--	2	--	5
77	Napinka	--	--	--	--	1	3
82	Cypress	--	--	--	5	1	8
84	Hamiota	1	1	1	3	--	6
86	Elgin	1	--	--	1	--	4
87	Rathwell*	--	--	--	--	--	--

*Unrepresented

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S,W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
90	Midlothian*	--	--	--	--	--	--
92	Shoal Lake*	--	--	--	--	--	--
93	King Edward	1	--	--	2	--	4
94	Hiram	--	1	--	1	--	4
99	Lauder	--	--	--	--	1	3
100	Robbie Burns	--	--	--	--	1	3
101	Binscarth	--	--	--	2	1	5
102	Miniota	--	--	--	2	1	5
103	Crescent	1	1	--	3	--	6
104	Reston*	--	--	--	--	--	--
105	Prince Arthur	1	--	--	--	--	3
106	Strathclair	1	--	--	--	--	3
107	Lansdowne	1	--	--	--	--	3
108	Union*	--	--	--	--	--	--
109	Swan Lake	1	--	--	1	--	4
110	Kilwinning	1	--	--	1	--	4
111	Acacia	1	--	--	1	--	3
112	Ophir	1	1	--	2	--	5
113	Tweed	--	1	--	3	--	6
114	"The Assiniboine"..	1	1	--	4	--	7
115	Rivers	--	1	1	1	--	4
116	St. Andrews	--	--	--	1	1	4
117	Strathcona	1	1	--	1	--	4
118	Mound	1	1	--	1	1	4
119	Norwood	--	--	--	2	1	5
120	Penza	1	1	--	3	--	6
121	St. James	1	--	1	--	--	3
122	Roblin	1	--	--	1	--	4
123	Transcona	1	--	1	2	--	5
124	The Pas*	--	--	--	--	--	--
125	Patricia*	--	--	--	--	--	--
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* Unrepresented

On motion of R. W. Bro. James F. C. Menlove (43), seconded by R. W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Lodge Officers, the M.W. the Grand Master named as scrutineers M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113), and M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), when the election proceeded, with the following results:—

R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1)	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113)	Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114)	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. (27)	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. John J. Jackson (1)	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Bethell (68)	Grand Chaplain
and by open vote of Grand Lodge	
Bro. Thomas J. Smith (25)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following Brethren were elected by the representatives and Past Master's of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master.

W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10)	First Masonic District
W. Bro. Herbert J. J. Smith	Second Masonic District
W. Bro. Robert J. Mills (51)	Third Masonic District
W. Bro. Henry Burke (30)	Fourth Masonic District
W. Bro. John W. Smith (15)	Fifth Masonic District
W. Bro. Malcolm C. McKinnon (110)	Sixth Masonic District
W. Bro. Arthur S. Thompson (44)	Seventh Masonic District
W. Bro. Albert H. Malcolmson (9)	Eighth Masonic District
W. Bro. Clifton H. Burns (112)	Ninth Masonic District
W. Bro. Norman McDougall (6)	Tenth Masonic District

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following Brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of two years:—

R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11)
R.W. Bro. Benjamin B. Halladay (10)
V.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10)
R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart (14)
R.W. Bro. William Conner (13)

R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird (1)
W. Bro. James Mackie (4)
W. Bro. George Syme (3)

It was moved by R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12), seconded by V.W. Bro. James H. Pollock (54), and

Resolved:—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master-elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:—

W. Bro. William R. Smith (25), Wpg.	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. George T. Earle (74), Elkhorn	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. Washington H. French (12), Stonewall	Grand D. of Ceremonies
W. Bro. Guy V. Dingle (10) Wpg.	Grand Organist
W. Bro. William C. McCulloch (27), Souris	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Charles H. Spearin (113), Brandon	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Arthur M. McGlashan (8), Morris	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Alexander J. Fletcher (36), Boissevain	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Morley D. Snyder (100), Gilbert Plains	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Fred E. A. Leach (24), Neepawa	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Robert Forbes (87), Rathwell	Grand Steward
W. Bro. James A. Stewart (84), Hamiota	Grand Steward
W. Bro. Charles C. Lindsay (1), Winnipeg	Grand Pursuivant

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Grand Master-elect R.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the appointment of the following Special Committees:—

ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. George W. Baker (10), Convenor; M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), M.W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton (40).

ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), Convenor; R.W. Bro. James J. White (25), M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84).

ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), Convenor; V.W. Bro. Andrew G. Cowan (4), R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart (14).

ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), Convenor; M.W. Bro. Lynds S. Vaughan (2), M.W. Bro. John Wemyss (24).

ON BI-CENTENARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND

W. Bro. William R. McConnell, Convenor.

R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson	M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher
W. Bro. Arthur W. Chapman	W. Bro. Robert McKay
W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott	W. Bro. John H. G. Russell

and the following Advisory Committee:

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Chaplain and the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Several Masonic Districts.

AUDITORS

R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), V.W. Bro. Guy V. Dingle (10).

On motion of W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), the Masonic Districts were determined as follows:—

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin, Winnipeg.

No.	1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg
"	2	Lisgar	Selkirk
"	3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg
"	4	St. John's	Winnipeg
"	10	Northern Light	Winnipeg
"	25	Ionic	Winnipeg
"	93	King Edward	Winnipeg
"	111	Acacia	Elmwood, Winnipeg
"	114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg
"	119	Norwood	St. Boniface
"	121	St. James	St. James
"	123	Transcona	Transcona

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SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Herbert J. J. Smith, Portage la Prairie

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa
"	29—Carberry	Carberry
"	49—Temple	MacGregor
"	75—Gothic	Austin
"	108—Union	Brookdale
"	116—St. Andrew's	Wellwood

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Robert J. Mills, Treherne.

No.	48—Glenboro	Glenboro
"	51—Treherne	Treherne
"	63—Holland	Holland
"	82—Cypress	Cypress River
"	87—Rathwell	Rathwell
"	108—Crescent	Elm Creek

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Henry Burke, Manitou.

No.	13—Belmont	Morden
"	30—Manitou	Manitou
"	36—Doric	Boissevain
"	40—Deloraine	Deloraine
"	50—Killarney	Killarney
"	71—Crystal	Crystal City
"	118—Mound	Pilot Mound

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John W. Smith, Rapid City.

No.	14—Prince of Wales	Minnedosa
"	15—Corinthian	Rapid City
"	39—Birtle	Birtle
"	62—Russell	Russell
"	84—Hamiota	Hamiota
"	92—Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake
"	101—Binscarth	Binscarth
"	102—Miniota	Miniota
"	106—Strathclair	Strathclair
"	115—Rivers	Rivers

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Malcolm C. McKinnon, Minto.

No.	27—Glenwood	Souris
"	52—Hartney	Hartney
"	54—Oriental	Melita
"	77—Napinka	Napinka
"	86—Elgin	Elgin
"	99—Lauder	Lauder
"	104—Reston	Reston
"	110—Kilwinning	Minto

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Arthur S. Thompson, Oak Lake

No.	19—Brandon	Brandon
"	43—Lebanon	Virden
"	44—Oak Lake	Oak Lake
"	64—Composite	Alexander
"	74—Elkhorn	Elkhorn
"	107—Lansdowne	Griswold
"	113—Tweed	Brandon

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Albert H. Malcolmson, Carman.

No.	9—Oakland	Carman
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa
"	70—Shiloh	Roland
"	90—Midlothian	Miami
"	109—Swan Lake	Swan Lake
"	117—Strathcona	Belmont
"	125—Patricia	Sperling

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Clifton H. Burns, Roblin.

No.	68—Vermillion	Dauphin
"	94—Hiram	Grandview
"	100—Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains
"	105—Prince Arthur	Swan Lake
"	122—Roblin	Roblin
"	124—The Pas	The Pas
	U.D.—Favel	Minitonas

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Norman McDougall, Emerson.

No. 6	Emerson	Emerson
" 8	King Solomon	Morris
" 12	Stonewall	Stonewall
" 55	East Star	Gretna
" 112	Ophir	Beausejour
" 120	Penza	Dominion City

RECAPITULATION

First Masonic District	12
Second Masonic District	8
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	7
Fifth Masonic District	10
Sixth Masonic Ditsrict	8
Seventh Masonic District	7
Eighth Masonic District	7
Ninth Masonic District	7
Tenth Masonic District	6
Total	78

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The newly-elected officers present were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker, and M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett.

After the installation the Grand Master in fitting words expressed his thanks to the members for the favor shown him and asked the co-operation of all in guiding the fraternity of Manitoba during the coming year to an even higher plane of useful effort.

He pointed out that the reciting of high principles and the apt phrasing of Masonic virtues was mere cant and of no account unless their full value be found stored away in the treasure chambers of our hearts. Unless we put our platitudes into practice it is little better than hypocrisy to recite them.

Reference was made to the founding of the Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, two hundred years ago. He pointed out that this was a most memorable date in the annals of Freemasonry and marked the beginning of our present organized system. It marked also a Masonic Revival. At that time Masonry was in a more or less desultory state like a ship without a rudder. It was a time of crisis in the thought of the world and need was felt for a common meeting ground where all sects could unite in fraternal brotherhood for the uplift of humanity. The Masonic Lodges furnished that meeting ground and since then have exercised a wide-spread and potent influence.

The Grand Master thought it fitting that we in Manitoba should mark such an important event as the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of England by some forward, enlarging movement, by a Second Revival. He suggested that this year arrangements be made for having more Masonic addresses in our Lodges with a view to rallying the rank and file of Masonry to take more active interest in the work of our lodges. These addresses he thought should picture to our membership, masonry in its broadest and most altruistic form. Service and sacrifice he thought should be given as the watchwords of our Lodges during the coming year and the membership should be enthused to take most active interest. To accomplish this he suggested that certain elective Grand Lodge officers, who now have few specific duties, be called on to supplement the work of the District Deputy Grand Masters by themselves visiting and addressing the membership in the subordinate Lodges. He also thought other speakers might with profit be sent to certain Lodges to make sure of the whole craft being roused to a new enthusiasm for Masonry.

Further than this the Grand Master thought it would be fitting to mark this Bi-Centenary Year by calling on our membership for a contribution to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, this fund after forty-two years of our history has elapsed amounts only to $38,-

000 which is not a sum to be extremely proud of and which would seem to be altogether inadequate to provide for the appeals that wil undoubtedly be made on that fund in the near future. Under present arrangement our Committee on Charity and Benevolence can spend only the interest from that fund each year. The Grand Master thought that if proper appeal were made the principal amount could this year be increased to $100,000.00 thereby giving the Committee approximately $500.00 per month to relieve deserving cases among our membership. In case any should think this an impossible amount to raise in one year he pointed out that it meant less than $10.00 per capita of our membership. There is need for it. Surely Masonry in Manitoba is red-blooded enough to supply the need to that extent.

In further explanation of why this amount was needed now he referred to the part Canada is taking in the war and to the number of Manitoba Masons who have gone overseas, we feel pardonable pride that we belong to the same race who have given such good account of themselves in France and Flanders. We are proud of our brother Masons of Manitoba for the sacrifice they have made and the part they have taken. They will be equally proud of us if we do our part at home? Have they not earned the right to expect that we will be prepared to answer any reasonable demands they or their kin may find it necessary to make on us. The need will certainly exist and the Grand Master urged that we prepare to meet it.

He said further that to-day was a time of crisis, a time for doing great things. The reason we had not done more in the past was because the need was not there and because we had not attempted to do more. But to-day is different. A big opportunity was now before the Masonry of this Province. Promptness of action was urged and Grand Lodge was asked to endorse such an appeal.

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), and

Resolved:—That this Grand Lodge is grateful to the Grand Master for his timely proposal that the Craft of the Province of Manitoba undertake this year to increase the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund to the sum of $100,000.00.

That this Grand Lodge heartily approves of an immediate appeal being made to every member in the Jurisdiction for subscriptions for the securing of the required amount.

That the Grand Master be requested to appoint a special committee of Grand Lodge of not less than seven members to prosecute the campaign for subscriptions with authority to such committee to meet all necessary expenses, travelling and otherwise in connection with this appeal out of the proceeds of the collection.

That the Grand Master be requested to delegate to the District Deputy Grand Master in each Masonic District the duty of organizing each district so that appeal for this fund will be made to each individual of each Lodge, so far as possible by personal canvas by a committee of each Lodge; such committees to take subscriptions in such a way and on such forms as may be prescribed by the Special Committee of Grand Lodge here provided for.

That the Secretary of each subordinate lodge be required to collect unpaid subscriptions as they fall due and to transmit the subscriptions as collected to the Special Committee of Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Master be requested to delegate to such officers and members of Grand Lodge as he may deem advisable, the duty of presenting the claims of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund to the Lodges, the travelling expenses of such officers and members to be paid out of the collections.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended, the Forty-first Annual Communication was closed in "ample form" at 11 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell, Grand Chaplain.

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James A. Ovas

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1917.

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), Winnipeg ....Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71), Crystal City Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), Winnipeg ...................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Herbert J. J. Smith (7), Portage la Prairie....D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Robert J. Mills (51), Treherne ...........................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Henry Burke (30), Manitou ..............................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John W. Smith (15), Rapid City .....................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Malcolm C. McKinnon (110), Minto ................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Arthur S. Thompson (44), Oak Lake ............D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Albert H. Malcolmson (9), Carman ................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Clifton H. Burns (122), Roblin .......................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Norman McDougall (6), Emerson .....................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), Winnipeg Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), Brandon Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), Winnipeg ....Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. (27), Winnipeg Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. John J. Jackson (1), Winnipeg ....Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Bethell (68), Winnipeg ....Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. William R. Smith (25), Winnipeg..Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. George T. Earle (74), Elkhorn....Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Washington H. French (12), Stonewall Grand D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Guy V. Dingle (10), Winnipeg ....Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. William C. McCulloch (27), Souris.........Grand Steward
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V.W. Bro. Arthur M. McGlashan (8), Morris ....Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Alexander J. Fletcher (36), Boissevain..Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Morley D. Snyder (100) Gilbert Plains....Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Fred. E. A. Leach (24), Neepawa ....Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Robert Forbes (87), Rathwell.................Grand Steward
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R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25)	Winnipeg
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R.W. Bro. James F. C. Menlove (43)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4)	Winnipeg
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R.W. Bro. Benjamin B. Halladay (10)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart (14)	Minnedosa
R.W. Bro. William Conner (13)	Morden
W. Bro. James Mackie (4)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. George Syme (3)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird (1)	Winnipeg

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R.W. Bro. Jas. F. C. Menlove (43)

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M.W. Bro. Lynds S. Vaughan (2)
M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113)
M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4)

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R.W. Bro. Jas. F. C. Menlove (13)
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R.W. Bro. Benj. B. Halladay (10)

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M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10)
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ON INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS

(By resolution of Grand Lodge)

W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), Chairman

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27)
R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10)
R. W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114)
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BRETHREN ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Members of the subordinate Lodges who have enlisted for Active Service in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces as reported up to May 15th, 1917.

A—Killed in action or died of wounds; B—Wounded; C—Missing; D—Prisoner; E—Died natural causes; F—Discharged.

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Bro. Robert H. Bracken
Bro. Ralph R. J. Brown
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Bro. Charles D. Clark
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Bro. Walter L. Watt
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Bro. Frederick H. Wray
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Bro. Frederick T. Cadham
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Bro. John D. Hodgins
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Bro. Thomas Manson
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Bro. John D. Andrews
Bro. Lionel D. Beard
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Bro. John Boswell
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Bro. Gerald E. H. Brickwell
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Bro. John Caldwell
Bro. Wesley Clemis (B)
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Bro. Hubert I. Call
Bro. Henry H. Coton
Bro. William T. Davies
Bro. John Davies
Bro. John Denholm (B)
Bro. Hugh E. Firby
Bro. Harold E. Fox
Bro. John Fraser
Bro. William Grant (C)
Bro. Harry E. Grieves
Bro. Donald J. Grant

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Bro. Walter Gate
Bro. John Hay (B)
Bro. Henry Hood
Bro. Matthew Hutchison
Bro. George F. Holyoake
Bro. Wiliam Hudson
Bro. Skuli Hansson
Bro. William Jones (A)
Bro. Thomas Jenkins
Bro. James Johnstone
Bro. Charles D. Kirk
Bro. David Liddell (B)
Bro. Daniel S. MacKay
Bro. Herbert R. Macdonald
Bro. Harold W. MacKenzie
Bro. Daniel McMillan (B)
Bro. James McClure
Bro. Harold I. Morris
Bro. Patrick Mullins
Bro. John J. Moffatt
Bro. Thomas K. Moore
Bro. Thomas A. Noyes
Bro. Ernest Pascoe
Bro. Alexander Phimister (B)
Bro. George P. Quigley
Bro. William Roberts
Bro. Thomas H. Ross B)
Bro. Oscar R. Rudolf
Bro. James Rutledge (C)
Bro. Victor H. V. Shepperd (B)
Bro. John A. Short
Bro. Henry St. Lawrence
Bro. Percy St. Lawrence
Bro. Robert Scott
Bro. Martin Sutherland (A)
Bro. James Smith (A)
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Bro. Edwin A. Shaw
Bro. Charles A. Thornton
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Bro. Arthur R. Taylor
Bro. Harold Taylor
Bro. William W. Urquhart
Bro. Herbert Welford
Bro. Frederick H. Wilson (D)
Bro. Frederick H. Welfley
Bro. James H. Weakly
Bro. John Wylie
Bro. Robert M. Wright
Bro. Stanley Wharton (B)

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Bro. Walter J. Logan
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Bro. George R. Milne
Bro. Charles D. McPherson
Bro. Daniel M. Ormond
Bro. Peter Stewart
W. Bro. Fawcett G. Taylor
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Bro. Cuthbird Hemenway
Bro. John Maddison
Bro. James S. Whyte

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Bro. H. Lawson Brown
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Bro. Fred Burt
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Bro. Herbert M. Cherry
Bro. Francis Cole
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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Freeman, John T.	Feb. 11, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Maw, Joseph	Jul. 31, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Napier, Stephen	Feb. 19, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Reynolds, Samuel H.	Jun. 15, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
White, John	Jun. 8, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Young, Robert S.	Jun. 3, 1916	Lisgar	2
Clements, George	Nov. 4, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Lord, John W.	Jun. 20, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
McLean, James G.	Jun. 20, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Morgan, John G.	Sep. 25, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Pollock, William	Sep. 2, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Thompson, Samuel G.	Dec. 8, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Rolph, Richard W. A.	Dec. 11, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Cooper, William J.	Jan. 30, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Drew, Frank	Mar. 5, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Hartstone, Archibald	Jan. 23, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Asseltine, Alexander M.	Mar. 5, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Johnes, William	Apr. 27, 1916	St. John's	4
Smith, James	May 10, 1916	St. John's	4
Aird, Alexander A.	May 27, 1916	St. John's	4
Bragg, John	Oct. 15, 1916	St. John's	4
Grant, Angus	Sep. 15, 1916	St. John's	4
Whitby, Charles	May 17, 1916	Emerson	6
Williams, Alman C.	Sep. 20, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Scott, James	May 3, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Harrison, William	Oct. 14, 1916	Oakland	9
Lewis, William R.	Jul. 11, 1916	Northern Light	10
Jones, John R.	Jan. 9, 1916	Northern Light	10
Watson, Fred J.	Jun. 10, 1916	Northern Light	10
McAlpine, Joseph	Nov. 8, 1916	Gladstone	11
Fergusson, Clyde C.	Feb. 18, 1916	Gladstone	11
Dorman, Hiram	Apr. 2, 1916	Gladstone	11
McDonald, Archibald	Apr. 2, 1916	Gladstone	11
Stokes, Roy G. E.	Jul. 11, 1916	Stonewall	12
Cooper, Gilbert	Jan. 25, 1916	Stonewall	12

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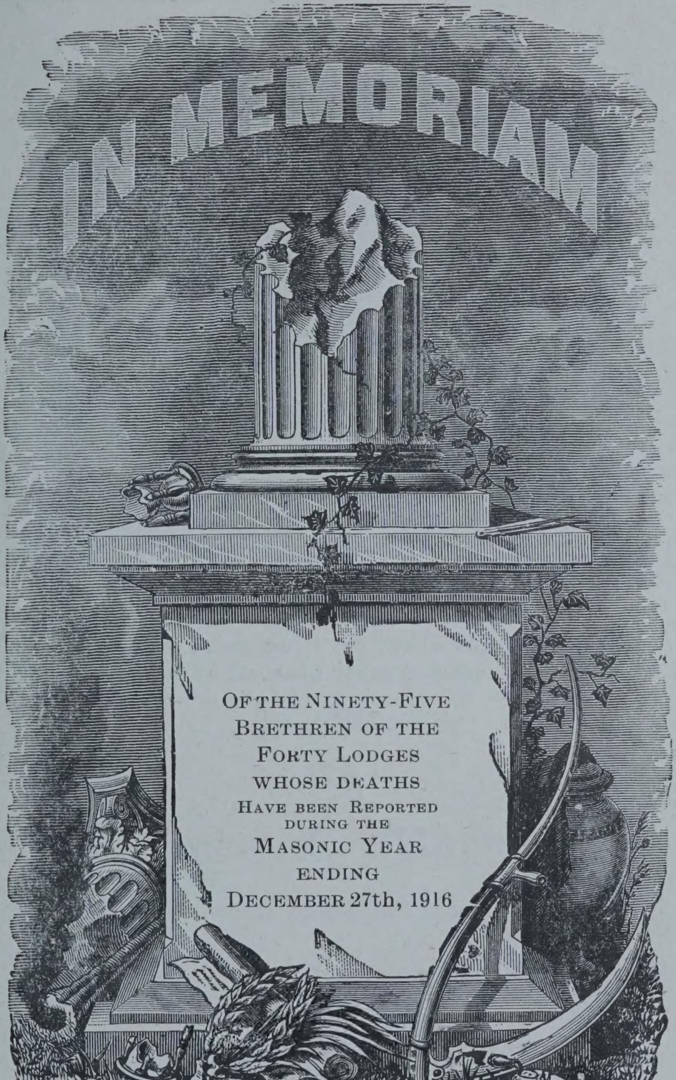
Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Donald, John	Jan. 28, 1916	Stonewall	12
McComb, D. Leonard	Jun. 21, 1916	Stonewall	12
Borthwick, Hugh J.	Jul. 28, 1916	Belmont	13
Heiman, Jacob	Mar. 1, 1916	Belmont	13
Parry, John L.	Jun. 6, 1916	Belmont	13
Sparks, Earnest A.	Oct. 25, 1916	Prince of Wales	14
Thompson, John F.	Aug. 27, 1916	Brandon	19
Grant, William H.	Aug. 18, 1916	Brandon	19
McGregor, Duncan	Aug. 18, 1916	Brandon	19
Hamilton, James A.	Aug. 18, 1916	Brandon	19
Falconer, David	May 5, 1916	Brandon	19
Shragge, Myron	Jan. 19, 1916	Neepawa	24
Booth, Arthur	Jun. 20, 1916	Neepawa	24
McKenzie, Wallace A.	Aug. 28, 1916	Ionic	25
Forrest, James A.	Dec. 12, 1916	Ionic	25
Collier, Eli F.	Sep 28, 1916	Glenwood	27
Leonard, James A.	Feb. 3, 1916	Glenwood	27
Nelson, John E.	Feb. 16, 1916	Carberry	29
Mussell, John C.	Sep. 14, 1916	Manitou	30
Malcolm, Neil S.	Nov. 21, 1916	Birtle	39
Milne, Nicol D.	Jul. 25, 1916	Lebanon	43
Berry, Frank M.	Oct. 19, 1916	Oak Lake	44
Shaw, William	Jul. 16, 1916	Temple	49
Acaster, Ebenezer W.	Aug. 27, 1916	Killarney	50
Young, Finley	Feb. 17, 1916	Killarney	50
Brown, John J.	Feb. 19, 1916	Oriental	54
Borthwick, William H.	Mar. 27, 1916	Oriental	54
Mee, Edward R.	Sep. 25, 1916	Oriental	54
Chatterton, George	Aug. 7, 1916	Russell	62
Lewis, Spencer H.	Aug. 7, 1916	Russell	62
McVicar, Duncan A.	Apr. 25, 1916	Wawanesa	67
Dagg, Fred J.	Aug. 16, 1916	Vermillion	68
Shaw, Charles W.	Aug. 16, 1916	Vermillion	68
Stockdale, Fred	Nov. 11, 1916	Rathwell	87
Edgar, James C.	Feb. 17, 1916	King Edward	93

DEATHS—Continued.

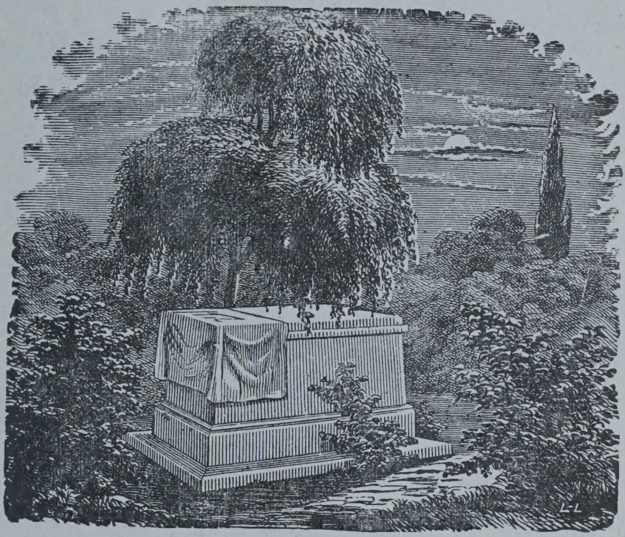
Name	Date	Name of Lodge	No.
Beattie, Walter	Jan. 29, 1916	Miniota	102
Brown, Albert E.	Nov. 11, 1916	Reston	104
Proutt, Robert B.	Jun. 16, 1916	Strathclair	106
Veitch, William J.	Sep. 17, 1916	Acacia	111
Clark, Walter B.	Mar. 2, 1916	Acacia	111
Dick, John	Aug. 15, 1916	Acacia	111
Geddas, James J.	Sep. 15, 1916	Acacia	111
Jasper, William B.	Sep. 1, 1916	Acacia	111
Ross, Charles	May 14, 1916	Acacia	111
Simpson, David L.	Sep. 17, 1916	Acacia	111
Barton, John	Nov. 2, 1916	Ophir	112
Porteous, John	May 1, 1916	Tweed	113
Munn, George	Jul. 10, 1916	Tweed	113
Warren, Robert	Sep. 15, 1916	Tweed	113
Leslie, Norman G.	Feb. 25, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
McGaw, Samuel A.	Feb. 9, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Shields, Alexander	Jan. 18, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Champion, Henry T.	Jun. 27, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Gallagher, Robert R.	Jul. 31, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Ferguson, Norman	Jun. 3, 1916	Rivers	115
Axford, Walter B.	Dec. 20, 1916	Rivers	115
McMath, Charles N.	May 16, 1916	Strathcona	117
MacDonald, Murdo M.	Sep. 26, 1916	Mound	118
Turner, Thomas	Nov. 25, 1916	Transcona	123
Dixon, Adam	Oct. 8, 1916	Patricia	125



OF THE NINETY-FIVE
BRETHREN OF THE
FORTY LODGES
WHOSE DEATHS
HAVE BEEN REPORTED
DURING THE
MASONIC YEAR
ENDING
DECEMBER 27th, 1916

In hours of gladness and of joy
Their comes to us this sad refrain
That some who oft have met with us
In lodge, ne'er will meet again.

Their life-work done, its duties o'er
Its toils and struggles all now past
But "some sweet day" just as of yore
We'll meet and greet them all at last.



In Memory

OF

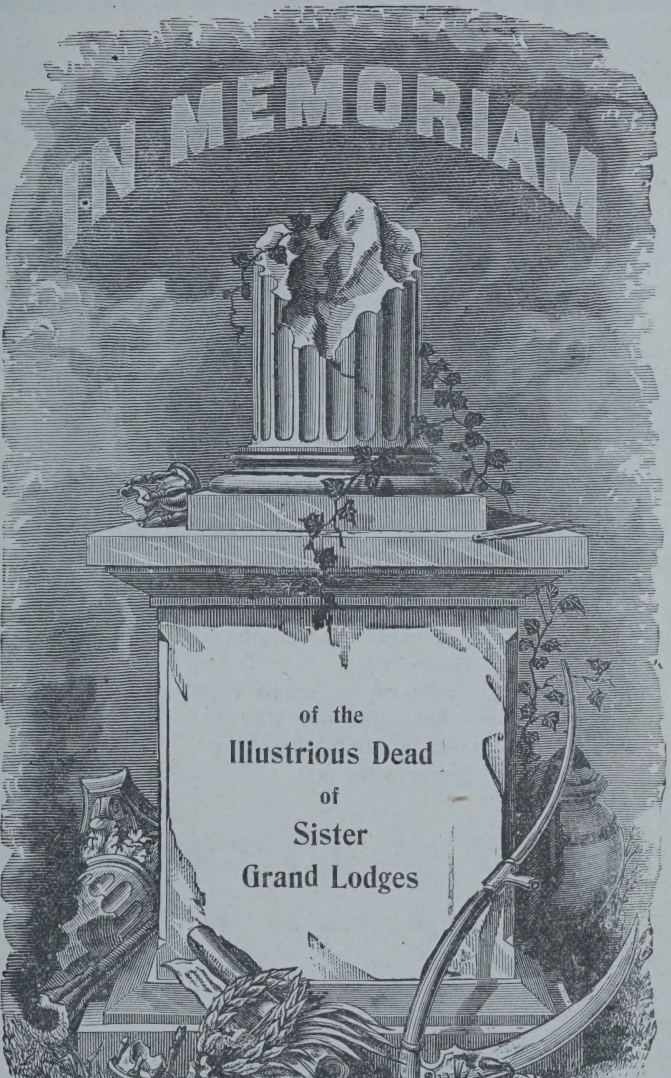
James E. Maynard

PAST GRAND REGISTRAR

DIED

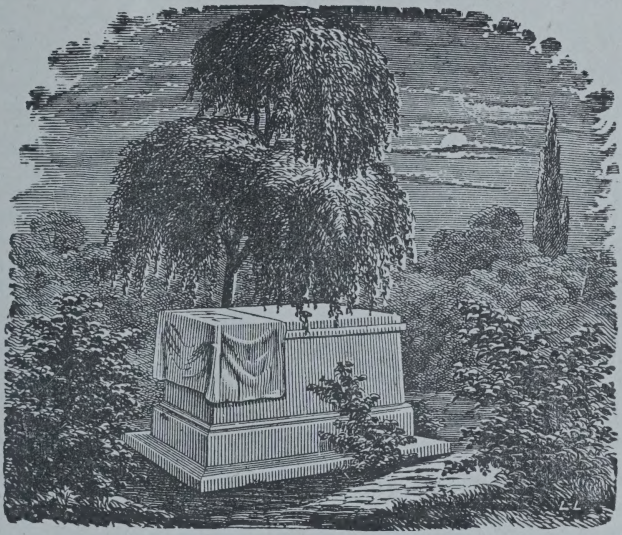
MARCH 7TH, 1917.

"Night came,
Releasing him from labor
When a hand as from the darkness
Touched his—and he slept."


IN MEMORIAM
SICKELS

of the
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister
Grand Lodges

"To the Past go more dead faces
Every year
As the loved leave vacant places
Every year;
Everywhere the sad eyes meet us
In the evening's dusk they greet us
And to come to them entreat us
Every year
But the truer life draws nigher
Every year
And its morning star climbs higher
Every year,
Earth's hold on us grows slighter
And the heavy burden lighter
And dawn Immortal brighter
Every year."



In Memory

OF

Richard W. A. Rolph

PAST GRAND REGISTRAR

DIED

DECEMBER 11TH, 1916.

"Life I know not what thou art,
But know that thou and I must part
Choose thine own time
Say not Good-night, but in some
Brighter clime bid me Good-morning."

DIMITTED.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Nellis, George H.	Apr. 14, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Belcher, Frederick P.	Sep. 19, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Gordon, James T.	Sep. 19, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Wilson, Gilbert B.	Sep. 21, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Beveridge, Ebenezer	Nov. 20, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Gray, John A.	Sep. 18, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Hollinshead, Redfern	Dec. 18, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
McGowan, Robert J.	Dec. 18, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Robertson, David B.	Sep. 18, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Scott, Robert R.	Oct. 16, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Wright, Alexander B.	Nov. 20, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Curry, George T.	Jan. 5, 1916	St. John's	4
Breiville, John W.	Jan. 5, 1916	St. John's	4
Quinn, Ernest W.	Jun. 5, 1916	St. John's	4
Williams, George A.	Jun. 5, 1916	St. John's	4
Low, Louis	Feb. 2, 1916	St. John's	4
Quantz, Fred	Jun. 7, 1916	St. John's	4
Shepherd, Frank	Oct. 4, 1916	St. John's	4
Banks, Stanley F.	May 11, 1916	Emerson	6
Depew, Thomas J.	May 11, 1916	Emerson	6
McKenzie, Walter H.	Nov. 9, 1916	Emerson	6
McKenzie, James G.	Dec. 7, 1916	Emerson	6
Archibald, John	May 15, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Merickel, John W.	Feb. 21, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Jameson, Hector G.	Feb. 21, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Turner, Robert V.	May 15, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Brown, Samuel T.	Jan. 17, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Watters, George H.	Nov. 20, 1916	Assiniboine	7
Allan, William A.	Mar. 14, 1916	King Solomon	8
Wye, James K.	Mar. 14, 1916	King Solomon	8
DeGroat, Clinton S.	May 16, 1916	King Solomon	8
Miller, Arthur W.	Jun. 13, 1916	Oakland	9
McIvor, Malcolm A.	Jun. 13, 1916	Oakland	9
Bates, Joseph H.	Oct. 10, 1916	Oakland	9
Davis, William R.	Mar. 16, 1916	Northern Light	10
Hackney, David M.	May 18, 1916	Northern Light	10
Johnston, William S.	Jan. 20, 1916	Northern Light	10
Kidder, Herrick F.	Dec. 21, 1916	Northern Light	10
Russell, John McK.	Nov. 16, 1916	Northern Light	10
Sitlington, Charles L.	Sep. 21, 1916	Northern Light	10
Towner, Herbert S.	Oct. 19, 1916	Northern Light	10
Murdock, Alexander W.	Feb. 14, 1916	Gladstone	11
Butler, John H.	Jan. 17, 1916	Gladstone	11
LeNevin, Phillip C.	Jun. 13, 1916	Stonewall	12
Fyfe, William T.	Jun. 13, 1916	Stonewall	12
Totten, George	Mar. 16, 1916	Belmont	13
Acheson, Sydney R.	Mar. 16, 1916	Belmont	13

DIMITTED—Continued.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Gilhuly, John A.	Dec. 21, 1916	Belmont	13
Leatherdale, Elias	Dec. 27, 1916	Belmont	13
Black, John W.	Dec. 8, 1916	Prince of Wales	14
Barley, William	Jul. 9, 1916	Prince of Wales	14
Avery, Arthur E.	Jul. 4, 1916	Corinthian	15
Cody, Emmerson F.	Feb. 8, 1916	Brandon	19
McKay, Hector	Mar. 14, 1916	Brandon	19
Sutherland, Daniel H.	Jan. 11, 1916	Brandon	19
Nicklin, Ernest A.	Dec. 12, 1916	Brandon	19
Hislop, George C.	May 17, 1916	Neepawa	24
Metcalf, William F. M.	Feb. 7, 1916	Ionic	25
Williams, William R.	May 1, 1916	Ionic	25
Burnett, John S.	Oct. 6, 1916	Glenwood	27
Burger, Murray S.	Nov. 8, 1916	Deloraine	40
Littlejohn, David J.	Aug. 9, 1916	Deloraine	40
Tooner, William H.	Jun. 14, 1916	Lebanon	43
McIntyre, Leslie H.	Jul. 7, 1916	Lebanon	43
Pritchard, John McC.	Feb. 18, 1916	Treherne	51
Wethey, Henry L.	Feb. 18, 1916	Treherne	51
Ward, Thomas M.	Mar. 16, 1916	Treherne	51
Johnston, Richard	Nov. 7, 1916	Hartney	52
McDonagh, Alexander	Jun. 21, 1916	Russell	62
McLean, Hector J.	Jan. 19, 1916	Holland	63
Brown, James H.	Dec. 14, 1916	Wawanesa	67
Norquay, Andrew T.	Oct. 5, 1916	Shiloh	70
Mawson, James E.	Feb. 17, 1916	Shiloh	70
Donaldson, Peter L.	Nov. 7, 1916	Vermillion	68
Mehual, Paul C.	Apr. 4, 1916	Vermillion	68
Tripp, William A.	Dec. 27, 1913	Vermillion	68
Booth, Fernado	Mar. 14, 1916	Crystal	71
Stephenson, Robert J.	Dec. 5, 1916	Crystal	71
Archer, Robert M.	Dec. 4, 1916	Elkhorn	74
Ingram, Louis DeC.	Nov. 6, 1916	Elkhorn	74
Sutcliffe, William B.	Oct. 9, 1916	Elkhorn	74
Myers, Andrew	Dec. 11, 1916	Gothic	75
Gilroy, Harry	Dec. 11, 1916	Gothic	75
Baker, James R.	Jan. 20, 1916	Napinka	77
Creamer, Joseph	Jan. 25, 1916	Hamiota	84
Stone, Edward L.	Nov. 15, 1916	Hamiota	84
Dial, Herbert B.	Mar. 21, 1916	Elgin	86
Robertson, George H.	Oct. 17, 1916	Elgin	86
Underhill, Henry J.	Oct. 17, 1916	Elgin	86
Staffen, Frank E.	Dec. 12, 1916	Elgin	86
Hartrick, Walter J.	Dec. 12, 1916	Elgin	86
Greenaway, Theodore	Jan. 18, 1916	Rathwell	87
Diamond, Samuel E.	Jan. 19, 1916	King Edward	93
Greene, Joseph H.	May 17, 1916	King Edward	93

DIMITTED—Continued.

Name	Date	Name of Lodge	No.
McPhedram, John	Jan. 19, 1916	King Edward	93
Shelmerdine, Dan	Jan. 19, 1916	King Edward	93
Smith, Frank A.	Sep. 20, 1916	King Edward	93
Armstrong, Walter C.	Dec. 20, 1916	King Edward	93
Burns, Robert	Jun. 10, 1916	Hiram	94
Kinnel, John S.	July 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Siran, George A.	Jan. 18, 1916	Binscarth	101
Poole, Frederick J. A.	Jul. 19, 1916	Miniota	102
Purdie, John	Apr. 18, 1916	Reston	104
Easton, Hiram	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Edlin, Carl	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Hannah, David	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
McCleary, Antony	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Cannon, John H.	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Abraham, John	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
McDonald, William	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Laing, Henry	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Reid, David	Jan. 7, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Crichton, James	May 5, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Harley, Herbert R.	Oct. 6, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Snellgrove, Isaac A.	Nov. 3, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
Best, Robert S.	Jun. 2, 1916	Prince Arthur	105
McGuire, James	Jul. 11, 1916	Strathclair	106
Anderson, Hector McK.	Apr. 12, 1916	Lansdowne	107
Crouch, Samuel W.	Mar. 23, 1916	Union	108
Skyes, William A.	Nov. 9, 1916	Union	108
Price, Thomas	Oct. 14, 1916	Acacia	111
Cushing, Richard S.	Feb. 10, 1916	Ophir	112
Cornell, Joseph	Nov. 21, 1916	Tweed	113
Morden, Gilbert W.	Feb. 1, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Nichols, Mark E.	Mar. 7, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Archibald, George H.	Dec. 6, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Cornwell, John L.	Apr. 4, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Chisholm, George R.	Dec. 5, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Hargraft, Alexander R.	Sep. 5, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Sharpe, Eliphalet E.	Dec. 5, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Webster, George H.	Sep. 5, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Wilmot, LeBaron B.	Dec. 5, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bailey, Edward J. R.	Jun. 26, 1916	Rivers	115
McGillvray, Donald	Sep. 1, 1916	Rivers	115
McDonald, John D.	Jan. 22, 1916	St. Andrews	116
McLaughlin, Joseph C.	Apr. 13, 1916	Norwood	119
Mitchell, William	Feb. 9, 1916	St. James	121
Millar, John W.	Feb. 9, 1916	St. James	121
Hodgson, John L.	Dec. 1, 1916	Transcona	123

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Baker, Edwin S.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Barlow, James R.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Best, William E.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Bryant, Frederick C.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Carson, Amie J.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Cohagon, Orval A.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Dufty, John	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Duncan, James A.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Fletcher, Reginald S.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Gardiner, Robert	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Goulding, Edgar C.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Hargreaves, James H.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Hubbard, Frederick C.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Martin, Francis L.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
McArthur, David A.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
McArthur, John A.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
McDiarmid, John	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
McMehen, John S.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Morrison, Alexander K.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Naylor, Harry P.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Thom, William	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Robinson, James	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Vercoe, Harold L.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Walker, Wilfred C.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Wallace, William P.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
White, William J.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Witham, Walter J.	Feb. 18, 1916	Lisgar	2
Wraight, Frederick G.	Feb. 18, 1916	Lisgar	2
Cook, Harold	Mar. 1, 1916	St. John's	4
Morrison, Robinson	Mar. 1, 1916	St. John's	4
Barker, Oscar E.	Mar. 1, 1916	St. John's	4
Baldwin, John	Mar. 1, 1916	St. John's	4
Flack, William A.	Dec. 7, 1916	Emerson	6
Sanford, Samuel G.	Mar. 14, 1916	King Solomon	8
Hill, Charles A. S.	Mar. 14, 1916	King Solomon	8
Weber, Emil J.	Mar. 14, 1916	King Solomon	8
Johnston, William P.	Feb. 15, 1916	Oakland	9
Riddel, James	Feb. 15, 1916	Oakland	9
Denner, Herbert H.	May 18, 1916	Northern Light	10
Fenwick, Frederick H.	May 18, 1916	Northern Light	10
Beek, James E.	Feb. 14, 1916	Gladstone	11
Foster, James	Feb. 14, 1916	Gladstone	11
Shannon, Charles D.	Feb. 14, 1916	Gladstone	11
Thompson, John	Feb. 14, 1916	Gladstone	11

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—Continued.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Williams, Alfred T.	Feb. 14, 1916	Gladstone	11
Ramsay, Thomas	May 16, 1916	Stonewall	12
Patterson, Alexander	Oct. 10, 1916	Stonewall	12
McIntyre, Dougald	Oct. 10, 1916	Stonewall	12
Collinson, John C.	Oct. 10, 1916	Stonewall	12
Skeoche, William	Oct. 10, 1916	Stonewall	12
Ardell, John E.	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Avery, Joseph G.	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Bentley, William G. J. S.	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Block, James	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Dewart, George	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Palmer, Lorne	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Russell, James	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Ryan, Scott M.	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
McKillop, Garnet K.	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
McColl, James	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Tennant, Ernest D.	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Webster, William H.	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
McIntyre, Charles	Jun. 5, 1916	Ionic	25
Crossland, John H.	Dec. 4, 1916	Ionic	25
Thomas Andrew F.	Dec. 4, 1916	Ionic	25
Black, John T.	Dec. 26, 1916	Doric	36
Hemphill, Melbourne	Dec. 26, 1916	Doric	36
Irwin, George R.	Dec. 26, 1916	Doric	36
Baker, William C.	Dec. 4, 1916	Birtle	39
Brodie, William	Dec. 4, 1916	Birtle	39
Burn, William	Dec. 4, 1916	Birtle	39
Greenshaw, Charles H.	Dec. 4, 1916	Birtle	39
Lessiman, William E.	Dec. 4, 1916	Birtle	39
Mather, John A.	May 17, 1916	Deloraine	40
Tomlinson, Lewis	May 17, 1916	Deloraine	40
Scarlett, Edward A.	Dec. 7, 1916	Oak Lake	44
Isbister, James	Dec. 7, 1916	Oak Lake	44
Read, David A.	Dec. 7, 1916	Oak Lake	44
Flood, Albert E.	Dec. 7, 1916	Oak Lake	44
Archibald, Hugh J.	Apr. 14, 1916	Oriental	54
Fyfe, Jobin	Apr. 14, 1916	Oriental	54
Turnbull, William R.	Apr. 14, 1916	Oriental	54
Spandier, Otto	Mar. 17, 1916	East Star	55
McIntyre, Russell G.	Dec. 5, 1916	Crystal	71
Benson, Peter	Dec. 11, 1916	Gothic	75
Hepp, Balthasser	Dec. 11, 1916	Gothic	75
Langelle, Frank	Dec. 11, 1916	Gothic	75
Williams, Leslie	Dec. 11, 1916	Gothic	75

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—Continued.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Martin, Joseph	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
McDonald, John A.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Kaiser, Amos W.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Phalen, William N.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Hughes, Eli F.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Livesley, Thomas	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Cook, Sidney J.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Robb, Oscar L.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Hamilton, Charles E.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Schotte, John A.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Denner, Herbert H.	Dec. 7, 1916	Napinka	77
Lang, William	Jun. 20, 1916	Elgin	86
Dunning, Ernest A.	Jan. 18, 1916	Rathwell	87
Pire, Alfred D.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Baskier, James S.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
McLintock, Findley	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Deacon, Richard E.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Webster, Frederick W.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Atkinson, John	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Buie, Archibald B.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Ager, William B.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Evans, John H.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Harvey, Albert E.	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Johnston, Thomas	Jul. 7, 1916	Hiram	94
Rawson, William J.	Dec. 5, 1916	Binscarth	101
Rutledge, Albert E.	Dec. 5, 1916	Strathclair	106
Shield, Nicholas	Dec. 5, 1916	Strathclair	106
Thompson, Samuel J.	Apr. 12, 1916	Lansdowne	107
Williamson, Robert M.	Apr. 12, 1916	Lansdowne	107
Stone, Frederick A.	Nov. 21, 1916	Tweed	113
Prout, James S.	Nov. 21, 1916	Tweed	113
Pentland, John H.	Feb. 1, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bartlett, Joseph F.	Feb. 1, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Barnes, William J.	Dec. 5, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Shaw, Wallace H.	Dec. 5, 1916	"The Assiniboine"	114
Hughes, Frank	Mar. 9, 1916	Norwood	119
Russell, Henry H.	Aug. 8, 1916	Penza	120
Wilson, Stewart C.	Oct. 14, 1916	St. James	121

REINSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Bacon, Albert M.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Monkman, Albert	Dec. 19, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Peters, Saltern B.	Oct. 17, 1916	Prince Rupert's	1
Maxon, Samunder	Nov. 21, 1916	Lisgar	2
McIntyre, James E.	Apr. 17, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
McIver, Alexander	Apr. 17, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Powell, Walter B.	Oct. 16, 1916	Ancient Landmark	3
Shepherd, Frank	Oct. 4, 1916	St. John's	4
Banks, Stanley F.	May 11, 1916	Emerson	6
Depew, Thomas J.	May 11, 1916	Emerson	6
LeNeven, Philip C.	Mar. 4, 1916	Stonewall	12
Bride, William W.	Nov. 14, 1916	Brandon	19
Mortimer, Edwin A.	Oct. 11, 1916	Neepawa	24
McDonald, Solomon	Apr. 1, 1916	Ionic	25
Russell, James	Oct. 2, 1916	Ionic	25
Carris, Edward	Jul. 11, 1916	Manitou	30
Paul, Duncan	Aug. 9, 1916	Deloraine	40
Brown, James H.	Dec. 4, 1916	Wawanesa	67
Scurfield, Thomas J.	May 15, 1916	Crystal	71
Bates, Samuel	May 23, 1916	Elgin	86
Code, John R.	May 23, 1916	Elgin	86
Hartrick, Walter J.	Jun. 20, 1916	Elgin	86
Staffen, Franklin E.	Dec. 12, 1916	Elgin	86
Rawson, William J.	Sep. 27, 1916	Hiram	94
Crouch, Samuel W.	Feb. 24, 1916	Union	108

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	†Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	†Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	†Jas. Henderson	Jno. W. Harris	…	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	R. McCuaig	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	James Munroe	†Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	…	*Hon. G. Mc Micken	†J. M. McGregor	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	C. F. Forrest	‡J. J. Johnston	†Jas. Henderson	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson	C. F. Forrest	‡J. J. Johnston	…	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	R. McCuaig	†John Smith	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	C. F. Forrest	†Alfred Pearson	P. McGregor	†Thos. Collins	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	†Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara

1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	Fred L. Newman	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Richd. D. Foley	*John Leslie	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James G. Dagg	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	†D. J. Goggin	†F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. A. Windatt	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	†D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	Corbet Locke	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	J. H. Munson	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	Charles N. Bell	Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell	Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	†Geo. B. Murphy	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	Fred L. Newman	†T. F. English	John McKechnie	Wm, G. Scott	C. N. Mitchell	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	†Geo. B. Murphy	Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†J. O. Smith	Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	†Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt	†S. B. Jameson	John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	R. S. Thornton	Rev. Wm. J. Garton	Wm. Fenwick	R. Hill Myers	John McKechnie	James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	R. S. Thornton	R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm	John McKechnie	James A. Ovas	James M. Suttie	Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm	Geo. W. Baker	John McKechnie	James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm	Wm. G. Scott	†H. H. Campkin	John McKechnie	James A. Ovas	R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	Rev. A. Chisholm	Wm. G. Scott	†H. H. Campkin	James Scroggie	John McKechnie	James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	†Rev. John Wells

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—CONTINUED

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1905	William G. Scott	†H. H. Campkin	James Scroggie	Henry J. Pugh	John McKechnie	James A. Ovas	John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	John McKechnie	James Scroggie	Henry J. Pugh	James D. Baine	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	†Arthur H. Smith	†Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	James Scroggie	Henry J. Pugh	James D. Baine	John Wemyss	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	†Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	Henry J. Pugh	James D. Baine	John Wemyss	William Chambers	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	A. N. Macpherson	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	James D. Baine	Geo. W. Baker	John Wemyss	William Chambers	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	Geo. W. Baker	John Wemyss	Wm. Chambers	Ed. M. Walker	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	John Wemyss	William Chambers	Ed. M. Walker	Lynds S. Vaughan	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	William Chambers	Ed. M. Walker	Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	Ed. M. Walker	Lynds S. Vaughan	Hy. E. Bletcher	Percy E. Kellett	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	Robert L. Ross	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	Lynds S. Vaughan	William Fenwick	Hy. E. Bletcher	Percy E. Kellett	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	J. M. Robinson	Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	William Fenwick	Hy. E. Bletcher	Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	T. Harry Webb	James A. Ovas	John Macwhirter	Rev. Thos. G. Bethel
1916	Hy. E. Bletcher	Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	Alex. McIntyre	James G. Dagg	James A. Ovas	Chas. F. Hasselfield	Rev. James S. Miller
1917	Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	Alex. McIntyre	A. J. Hatcher	James G. Dagg	James A. Ovas	John J. Jackson	Rev. Thos G. Bethell

* Dead † Removed from Jurisdiction ‡ Withdrawn from Masonry

LODGE DIRECTORY
AND
STATISTICAL TABLES

LODGE DIRECTORY

Lodges marked with an asterisk (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist; all others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	Name of Lodge	P. O. Address	W. Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Sydney A. Campbell	Eli Hodgins	Third Tuesday in each month
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Garrett Pettingell	Fred'k H. Gibbs	Third Tuesday in each month
3	AncientLandmark	Winnipeg	William A. McKay	George Syme	Third Monday in each month
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	William C. Birt	William Douglas	First Wednesday in each month
6	Emerson	Emerson	Henry J. Berry	Austin H. Hewitt	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Noah Elgert	Ernest A. Williams	Third Monday in each month
8	King Solomon	Morris	Arthur M. McGlashan	John Cavers	Tuesday on or before full moon
9	Oakland	Carman	William S. Murray	James Carroll	Tuesday on or before full moon
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Lorne J. Elliott	John Macwhirter	Third Thursday in each month
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	William F. McKenzie	Thomas Egan	Monday on or before full moon
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	John A. Stratton	John M. Riley	Tuesday on or before full moon
13	Belmont	Morden	Theophilus G. Finn	William Conner	Third Thursday in each month
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Frederick A. Porter	Norman H. Little	Thursday on or before full moon
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	James M. Young	Frederick W. Swann	First Tuesday in each month
19	Brandon	Brandon	Edward Bolton	Nettleton W. Kerr	Second Tuesday in each month
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	John H. Chaseley	Frederick Leach	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	William Gibben	Mitchell Cobban	First Monday in each month
27	Glenwood	Souris	Herbert R. White	Richard J. McCulloch	Friday on or before full moon
29	Carberry	Carberry	William A. Cathrea	Wilfred C. Balfour	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	Joseph W. Gordon	Henry Burke	Tuesday on or before full moon
36	Doric*	Boissevain	Alex. J. Fletcher	William P. McAvoy	Fourth Tuesday in each month
39	Birtle	Birtle	William Hadland	Joseph C. Dudley	Monday on or before full moon
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Leonard M. Sawyer	A. T. Hainsworth	Wednesday on or before full moon
43	Lebanon*	Virden	A. E. Higginbotham	Andrew More	Tuesday on or before full moon
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Duncan McFarlane	Chas. E. Somerset	Thursday on or before full moon
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Wm. T. H. Turnbull	George L. McQueen	Second Monday in each month
49	Temple	MacGregor	William Cairns	William A. Young	Monday on or before full moon
50	Killarney*	Killarney	Frederick A. Kent	Thomas E. Jones	Friday on or before full moon
51	Treherne	Treherne	Donald A. McLaren	John Coulter	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	John F. Bartley	Charles D. Batty	Tuesday on or before full moon
54	Oriental	Melita	George A. Pope	Thomas S. Menary	Friday on or before full moon
55	East Star	Gretna	William Coblentz	Godfrey Coblentz	Wednesday on or before full moon
62	Russell	Russell	Kenneth Millar	George S. McDonagh	Wednesday on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland	Alex. J. Jameson	Francis H. Dagg	Wednesday on or before full moon
64	Composite	Alexander	John Birtles	Hugh J. Aitchison	Thursday on or before full moon

67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	John Burgess	Charles D. Kerr	Monday on or before full moon
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	Stewart Baird	George H. Palmer	First Tuesday in each month
70	Shiloh	Roland	Fred'k W. Jones	Andrew S. Argue	Thursday on or before full moon
71	Crystal	Crystal City	Wm. H. Simpson	Urquhart F. Mutch	Tuesday on or before full moon
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	John R. Groat	Herbert J. Jones	Monday on or before full moon
75	Gothic	Austin	George R. Haig	Harry F. Johnson	Monday on or after full moon
77	Napinka	Napinka	Wilf. R. Cosgrove	Robert C. E. Magee	Thursday on or before full moon
82	Cypress	Cypress River	Wilbor F. Pentland	William Ryder	Thursday on or before full moon
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	Josiah A. Shier	James A. Neelands	Tuesday on or after full moon
86	Elgin	Elgin	John J. Weightman	Joseph C. Young	Tuesday on or after full moon
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	Robert Forbes	Chas. E. Hutchinson	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	Matthew Anderson	William Dunn	Monday on or before full moon
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	David Moffatt	John Lathrope	Friday on or before full moon
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	John R. Fraser	Frank Appleby	Third Wednesday in each month
94	Hiram	Grandview	Noble W. Bowes	William Dickie	Thursday on or before full moon
99	Lauder	Lauder	Benj. H. Herron	John Lamont	Monday on or before full moon
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	Morley D. Snyder	Clif. B. Narroway	Second Friday in each month
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	David Hall	G. Murray Shaw	Tuesday on or before full moon
102	Miniota	Miniota	James M. Elliott	John J. Henderson	Wednesday on or after full moon
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	John C. McIntyre	Palmer D. Alair	Wednesday on or before full moon
104	Reston	Reston	Fred'k C. Guthrie	George F. Birney	Friday on or before full moon
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	Albert E. Reed	S. B. Chamberlain	First Friday in each month
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	Andrew Manson	Samuel G. Millman	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	Robert E. McCaw	Alexander Douglas	Wednesday on or before full moon
108	Union*	Brookdale	Frank Carriss	John P. Lawrie	Thursday on or after full moon
109	Swan Lake	Swan Lake	Robt. A. S. Willson	Malcolm Render	Tuesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	Thomas J. Brown	William A. Bourns	Tuesday on or before full moon
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	Arthur Martin	William Dewar	Second Wednesday in each month
112	Ophir	Beausejour	Alexander Waddell	John Watson	Thursday on or before full moon
113	Tweed	Brandon	Chas. H. Spearin	Wm. Fenwick	Third Tuesday in each month.
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	Frank H. Mitchell	Hermann E. Miller	First Tuesday in each month
115	Rivers	Rivers	Thomas W. Offen	Frank W. Buggey	Last Friday in each month
116	St. Andrew's*	Wellwood	Allan J. Grant	Joseph H. Caldwell	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	Ernest Jones	Francis McG. Grant	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	Fred'k C. Burnett	Lawrence Gemmill	Wednesday on or before full moon
119	Norwood	St. Boniface	James Keller	Norman McDonald	Second Thursday in each month
120	Penza	Dominion City	Henry Lawson	Alexander S. Calder	Wednesday on or before full moon
121	St. James	St. James	Wm. McT. Bannatyne	David A. Best	Second Wednesday in each month
122	Roblin	Roblin	Irwin L. Mitchell	Henry J. Everall	Monday on or before full moon
123	Transcona	Transcona	Alexander Campbell	Edward C. Hawkins	First Friday in each month
124	The Pas	The Pas	Orley H. Finger	Glenn A. Campbell	First Thursday in each month
125	Patricia	Sperling	Henry M. Steeves	William H. Fenton	Wednesday on or before full moon
U.D.	Favel	Minitonas	Henry W. H. Laing	John H. Cannon	Second Tuesday in each month

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE	MEETINGS HELD. Regular	Emerg't	Total	Average Attendance of Members.	No. Members 12 Months in Arrears.	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.	Cash on Hand.
1	Prince Rupert's	9	7	16	80	110	$1096.00	$427.85	$1625.67
2	Lisgar	10	6	16	19	23	172.25	....	498.70
3	Ancient Landmark	9	13	22	54	94	2773.50	210.86	347.49
4	St. John's	10	11	21	125	10	71.00	574.87	1637.51
10	Northern Light	9	1	10	75	25	990.00	348.88	1628.05
25	Ionic	10	6	16	54	98	1295.15	513.52	2098.89
93	King Edward	9	1	10	75	83	852.45	566.00	1460.82
111	Acacia	10	2	12	31	35	300.00	51.25	119.80
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	8	18	....	....	....	193.10	1165.24
119	Norwood	10	....	10	32	27	230.00	78.45	198.68
121	St. James	10	....	10	30	20	193.00	....	167.62
123	Transcona	10	12	22	22	3	58.75	....	135.07

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7	Assiniboine	10	2	12	35	115	$827.35	....	$880.30
11	Gladstone	12	4	16	15	32	257.75	$30.00	17.60
24	Neepawa	13	1	14	24	31	500.00	18.55	393.05
29	Carberry	11	7	18	12	17	221.00	140.00	180.00
49	Temple	8	1	9	11	23	113.90	....	105.18
75	Gothic	10	....	10	12	6	49.00	6.00	186.55
108	Union	12	1	13	11	6	46.00	....	60.00
116	St. Andrew's	11	1	12	9	2	24.00	....	18.41

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48	Glenboro	9	1	10	12	12	$ 90.00	$138.00	$194.54
51	Treherne	11	....	11	11	24	177.00	95.00	121.24
63	Holland	13	....	13	18	7	67.00	85.00	320.00
82	Cypress	12	1	13	13	5	111.00	....	198.62
87	Rathwell	11	2	13	12	3	22.00	....	210.00
103	Crescent	9	1	10	12	9	51.50	80.00	385.58

DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1916

Liabilities.	Total Assets Over Liabilities.	Insurance in Force.	Condition of Lodge.	Official Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. Confer Degrees	Date When June Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.	Date When Dec. Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.
$857.25	$7144.87	$500.00	Active	Two	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 26, '16	Jan. 4, '17
....	498.70	250.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 11, '16	Jan. 5, '17
54.35	9397.34	350.00	Active	None	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 8, '16	Feb. 1, '17
....	11322.01	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '16	Jan. 24, '17
....	5659.91	....	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Sept. 2, '16	Jan. 27, '17
373.05	9630.99	....	Active	Two	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '16	Mar. 4, '17
497.00	13403.52	300.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 10, '16	Jan. 9, '17
....	2400.00	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 30, '16	Jan. 30, '17
....	3768.01	500.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 26, '16	Jan. 20, '17
....	1710.00	300.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 10, '16	Jan. 12, '17
1574.43	444.60	150.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Dec. 29, '16	Feb. 25, '17
119.65	391.86	350.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 12, '16	Jan. 11, '17

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....	$6391.94	$300.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 26, '16	Jan. 30, '17
....	194.30	300.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Oct. 9, '16	Feb. 26, '17
....	2479.05	800.00	Active	Two	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 3, '16	Jan. 5, '17
585.00	1626.00	1300.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Jun. 27, '16	Jan. 13, '17
806.00	2140.00	1450.00	Active	One	Own	Fair	Yes	Nov. 20, '16	Jan. 31, '17
200.00	1049.00	1200.00	Active	One	Own	Fair	Yes	Jun. 16, '16	Jan. 20, '17
....	660.00	600.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Nov. 7, '16	Feb. 15, '17
20.00	22.41	....	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 9, '16	Feb. 16, '17

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$107.88	$86.66	$150.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 21, '16	Feb. 12, '17
....	121.24	2500.0	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Nov. 30, '16	Feb. 7, '17
....	500.00	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 12, '16	Jan. 3, '17
....	295.62	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 5, '16	Jan. 5, '17
....	500.00	300.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 30, '16	Mar. 17, '17
....	485.00	100.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Oct. 16, '16	Jan. 22, '17

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	MEETINGS HELD.			Average Attendance of Members.	No. Members 12 Months in Arrears.	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.	Cash on Hand.
		Regular	Emerg't	Total					
13	Belmont	14	2	16	20	25	$161.00	$ 50.00	$ 92.00
30	Manitou	5	----	5	12	15	132.25	75.00	509.07
36	Doric	12	1	13	25	39	193.00	50.00	428.55
40	Deloraine	12	1	13	30	36	348.00	----------	338.57
50	Killarney	12	3	15	20	25	477.70	----------	407.00
71	Crystal	13	----	13	14	18	131.35	150.00	321.20
118	Mound	12	1	13	12	7	42.00	----------	162.44

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC

14	Prince of Wales	8	6	14	18	----	----------	----------	----------
15	Corinthian	11	1	12	10	22	$164.80	----------	$ 79.39
39	Birtle	11	2	13	14	11	150.55	$ 25.00	421.39
62	Russell	13	----	13	9	12	226.00	18.85	667.00
84	Hamiota	10	2	12	16	10	110.00	124.95	330.75
92	Shoal Lake	12	3	15	15	19	450.00	----------	27.00
101	Binscarth	13	----	13	18	8	116.00	16.00	113.38
102	Miniota	13	4	17	14	7	55.00	12.00	186.42
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	13	9	70.00	----------	661.70
115	Rivers	10	3	13	14	27	280.00	85.00	140.00

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC

27	Glenwood	10	1	11	32	25	$239.50	$ 23.50	$227.70
52	Hartney	12	3	15	25	16	190.00	55.40	208.75
54	Oriental	11	1	12	12	15	333.05	40.00	81.03
77	Napinka	6	1	7	14	16	130.00	74.88	317.08
86	Elgin	10	1	11	16	1	48.00	50.00	717.84
99	Lauder	8	----	8	9	13	108.00	26.00	115.00
104	Reston	12	2	14	29	31	475.65	325.00	957.53
110	Kilwinning	9	----	9	15	4	140.00	115.00	234.41

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Liabilities.	Total Assets Over Liabilities.	Insurance in Force.	Condition of Lodge.	Official Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. Confer Degrees'	Date When June Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.	Date When Dec. Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.
....	$500.10	$200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 27, '16	Jan. 12, '17
....	1200.00	....	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 26, '16	Jan. 16, '17
....	3933.54	2000.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Nov. 7, '16	Mar. 31, '17
$158.00	2358.57	150.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 12, '16	Jan. 2, '17
....	1892.70	....	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Dec. 29, '16	Feb. 5, '17
....	452.55	....	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 26, '16	Jan. 8, '17
....	204.44	100.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 30, '16	Jan. 4, '17

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$2000.00	$6000.00	$3700.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Dec. 1, '16	Apr. 20, '17
44.21	....	1800.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Dec. 1, '16	Jan. 4, '17
....	2121.39	800.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Dec. 1, '16	Feb. 2, '17
767.00	....	....	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 1, '16	Jan. 4, '17
....	718.75	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 30, '16	Jan. 11, '17
....	....	500.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Dec. 1, '16	Feb. 5 '17
....	....	1100.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 7, '16	Feb. 7, '17
53.63	385.82	75.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 2, '16	Jan. 8, '17
....	2000.00	600.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Jun. 29, '16	Jan. 8, '17
....	300.00	300.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Dec. 5, '16	Feb. 26, '17

DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1916

....	$227.70	$600.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 30, '16	Jan. 4, '17
20.00	1180.75	600.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 21, '16	Jan. 25, '17
111.00	1550.58	800.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 14, '16	Jan. 31, '17
....	447.08	85.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 28, '16	Jan. 30, '17
....	717.84	....	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '16	Jan. 9, '17
....	223.00	....	Dorm't	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Dec. 16, '16	Mar. 5, '17
14.50	2027.68	400.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '16	Jan. 4, '17
....	634.91	400.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 5, '16	Jan. 10, '17

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME OF LODGE.	MEETINGS HELD Regular	Emerg't	Total	Average Attendance of Members.	No. Members 12 Months in Arrears.	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.	Cash on Hand.
19	Brandon	10	5	15	20	15	$800.00	$255.00	$1349.68
43	Lebanon	10	----	10	28	4	40.00	----	403.00
44	Oak Lake	13	3	16	17	18	188.25	75.00	101.22
64	Composite	9	3	12	16	5	67.50	132.00	153.10
74	Elkhorn	13	2	15	22	26	266.60	----	236.19
107	Lansdowne	11	1	12	13	1	15.00	35.00	105.00
113	Tweed	10	10	20	27	4	266.40	150.00	306.63

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC

9	Oakland	12	1	13	17	5	$ 90.00	$130.00	$200.00
67	Wawanesa	9	1	10	10	12	235.00	----	57.99
70	Shiloh	7	----	7	10	19	194.40	40.00	102.00
90	Midlothian	10	6	16	20	20	130.00	----	200.00
109	Swan Lake	3	----	3	9	6	48.00	----	232.00
117	Strathcona	11	2	13	16	13	81.85	----	58.06
125	Patricia	9	6	15	10	1	6.00	65.00	135.00

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC

68	Vermillion	10	2	12	29	35	$1600.00	$ 25.00	$200.00
94	Hiram	9	2	11	10	23	225.50	56.00	436.60
100	Robbie Burns	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
105	Prince Arthur	11	1	12	10	13	335.00	----	237.37
122	Roblin	9	7	16	13	3	33.00	----	67.59
124	The Pas	7	1	8	9	4	40.00	----	43.36

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC

6	Emerson	11	1	12	15	5	$ 51.00	----	$276.75
8	King Solomon	11	1	12	13	5	50.00	----	966.25
12	Stonewall	12	5	17	25	1	125.00	$10.00	1400.00
55	East Star	8	----	8	11	4	47.00	----	82.85
112	Ophir	12	3	15	13	8	71.65	35.00	794.22
120	Penza	12	2	14	12	4	65.00	----	104.00

DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1916

Liabilities.	Total Assets Over Liabilities.	Insurance in Force.	Condition of Lodge.	Official Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. Confer Degrees	Date When June Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.	Date When Dec. Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.
$192.85	$4285.28	$1000.00	Active	One	Own	Fair	Yes	Jul. 29, '16	Jan. 31, '17
....	403.00	250.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Aug. 30, '16	Jan. 16, '17
503.00	2000.00	1250.00	Active	One	Own	Fair	Yes	Jul. 6, '16	Jan. 2, '17
....	153.10	....	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 24, '16	Jan. 5 '17
3567.85	3554.84	3700.00	Active	Two	Own	Fair	Yes	Jul. 12, '16	Jan. 18, '17
....	105.00	300.00	Active	Two	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 26, '16	Jan. 20, '17
....	1306.63	100.00	Active	Two	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 2, '16	Jan. 2, '17

DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1916

....	$600.00	$400.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 15, '16	Jan. 15, '17
....	292.99	250.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Dec. 13, '16	Feb. 24, '17
....	497.40	150.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Aug. 4, '16	Feb. 26, '17
....	300.00	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Nov. 7, '16	Mar. 6, '17
$10.00	222.00	100.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Dec. 13, '16	Mar. 6, '17
....	139.91	450.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 30, '16	Jan. 3, '17
170.00	....	....	Active	Two	Rent	Fair	Yes	Dec. 13, '16	Feb. 5, '17

DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1916

$800.00	$3000.00	$1000.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Dec. 13, '16	Jan. 15, '17
50.00	612.10	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 14, '16	Feb. 10, '17
....	....	....	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Dec. 9, '16	Apr. 25, '17
45.00	982.87	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Sep. 22, '16	Mar. 17, '17
....	67.59	....	Active	One	Rent	Fair	Yes	Dec. 13, '16	Mar. 12, '17
....	139.16	....	Active	None	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 6, '16	Jan. 24, '17

DISTRICT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1916

....	$2261.75	$1750.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 16, '16	Feb. 26, '17
....	1971-30	700.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 3, '16	Feb. 8, '17
....	2500.00	1000.00	Active	One	Own	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '16	Jan. 3, '17
50.00	482.85	400.00	Active	Two	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 10, '16	Jan. 12, '17
69.35	724.83	125.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 30, '16	Jan. 5, '17
....	350.00	200.00	Active	One	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 30, '16	Jan. 21, '17

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 27TH DEC., 1916.

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Dead	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Rejected	Membership Dec. 27, 1915	Membership Dec. 27, 1916
1	Prince Rupert's	26	25	18	6	3	5	4	26			481	481
2	Lisgar	6	5	3	6	1	1		2			91	101
3	Ancient Landmark	10	13	10	3	3	11	7			1	474	472
4	St. John's	14	16	11	23	1	5	7	4			459	481
6	Emerson	1	1	1		2	1	4	1		1	67	64
7	Assiniboine 2	6	11	7	1		2	6			1	175	174
8	King Solomon	2			1			3	3			74	71
9	Oakland 8	2	1	1			1	3	2			82	78
10	Northern Light	6	7	7	7		3	7	2			287	288
11	Gladstone 2	2	2	2	4		4	2	5			69	64
12	Stonewall	2	2	1	1	1	4	2	5		2	93	86
13	Belmont 4	7	7	6	1		3	4			1	67	68
14	Prince of Wales 5	5	7	2			1	2				94	96
15	Corinthian 5	1						1				50	50
19	Brandon 7	3	2	4	2	1	5	4			1	217	214
24	Neepawa 2	6	5	5	4	1	2	1			1	123	131
25	Ionic	13	10	9	6	2	2	2	15		2	357	359
27	Glenwood 6	2	3	3			2	1			1	107	106
29	Carberry 2	5	5	4	2		1					70	76
30	Manitou 4	1	1	2		1	1					55	56
36	Doric 4	3	6	6	2				3			104	106
39	Birtle 5	5	4	1	1		1		5			50	50
40	Deloraine 4	5	4	4		1		2	2			93	95

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43	Lebanon	7	3	3	1	5		1	2				82	87
44	Oak Lake		2	4	2			1		4			52	49
48	Glenboro	3	3	3	1								35	38
49	Temple	2											55	55
50	Killarney	4	4	6	5			2					64	66
51	Treherne	3	1		1	3			3				58	59
52	Hartney	6	5	4	4				1				64	68
54	Oriental	6	3	1	1			3		3		2	62	59
55	East Star		3	3	4					1			39	41
62	Russell	5	10	7	7			2	1				68	75
63	Holland	3	5	5	5	1			1				76	81
64	Composite	7				1							55	56
67	Wawawesa	8	1	1			1	1	1				40	40
68	Vermillion	9	11	8	11	1		2	3				192	199
70	Shiloh	8							2				48	46
71	Crystal	4	4	2	1	3	1		2	1			46	51
74	Elkhorn	7	5	5	5				3				86	88
75	Gothic	2	3	5	4				2	4			38	35
77	Napinka	6	2	3	3				1	11			40	30
82	Cypress	3	1										30	31
84	Hamiota	5	2	1	1				2				65	65
86	Elgin	6	3	2	3	1	4		5	1			51	53
87	Rathwell	3	5	6	6	3		1	1	1			29	34
90	Midlothian	8	10	11	8	1							71	82
92	Shoal Lake	5	4	4	5	2							57	63
93	King Edward		7	8	8	1		1	6			5	299	300
94	Hiram	9	1	1	1	1	1		2	11			56	46
99	Lauder	6	1	1	1								27	28
100	Robbie Burns	8	3	3	3								33	36
101	Binscarth	5	5	6	6				1	1			50	53
102	Miniota	5	3	4	3			1	1			2	38	39
103	Crescent	3	2	2	1								38	40

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 27TH DEC., 1916—CONTINUED.

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Dead	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Rejected	Membership Dec. 27, 1915	Membership Dec. 27, 1916
104	Reston 6	2	3	2			2	1			2	85	84
105	Prince Arthur ✓	3	5	3				13			2	70	60
106	Strathclair 6						1	1	2			50	46
107	Lansdowne 7	1	1	1				1	2			41	39
108	Union ✓	5	4	2		1		2				42	46
109	Swan Lake 8	2										30	32
110	Kilwinning 6	1	2	2								45	46
111	Acacia	6	8	7			7	1			1	149	147
112	Ophir	8	8	9	1		1	1				29	36
113	Tweed 7	8	6	8	2		3	1	2			126	130
114	"The Assiniboine"	14	16	12	4		5	9	4			318	318
115	Rivers 5	5	2	2	2		2	2				66	69
116	St. Andrews ✓	1	1	3				1				27	27
117	Strathcona 8	2	1	1			1					36	37
118	Mound 4	2	1	2	2		1					41	44
119	Norwood	7	9	10	1			1	1			107	113
120	Penza	3	2	2					1			30	32
121	St. James	4	3	3	5			2	1			75	81
122	Roblin	5	6	4								25	30
123	Transcona	14	10	12	5		1	1			1	45	62
124	The Pas	1	1	1	1							21	23
125	Patricia 8	9	7	6	12		1						20
U.D	Favel				11								11
		348	342	300	139	25	95	139	126		27	7241	7393

LIST OF GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alberta	S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
British Columbia	W. A. De Wolf-Smith	New Westminster
Canada (in Ontario)	R. L. Gunn	Hamilton
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax
Prince Edward Island	W. P. Doull	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal
Saskatchewan	Rev. W. B. Tate	Regina

GREAT BRITAIN

England	Sir Edward Letchworth	London
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D.G.S.	Dublin
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh

UNITED STATES

Alabama	G. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Arizona	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tuscon
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
California	John Whicher	San Francisco
Colorado	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford
Delaware	Harry J. Guthrie	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	Frank F. Baker	Macon
Idaho	George E. Knepper	Boise
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	Dave Jackson	Louisville
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland
Maryland	George Cook	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Rev. F. W. Hamilton	Boston
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued.

UNITED STATES—Continued.

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Mississippi	Frederick G. Speed	Vicksburg
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	E. D. Vanderleith	Carson City
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	Isaac Cheny	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	R. J. Kenworthy	New York
North Carolina	William W. Willson	Raleigh
North Dakota	W. L. Stockwell	Fargo
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnatti
Oklahoma	W. M. Anderson	Oklahoma City
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Philadelphia
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Waco
Texas	W. B. Pearson	Nashville
Utah	F. A. McCarty	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Frank A. Ross	Burlington
Virginia	Charles A. Nesbitt	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	John M. Collins	Charleston
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Joseph M. Lowndes	Lauder

OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	Sergio Carballo	San Jose
Cuba	Jose Marti	Havana
Egypt	J. D. Panayotti	Cairo
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Christchurch
Philippine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	Manila
Porto Rico	Jose G. Torres	San Juan
Queensland	C. H. Harley	Brisbane
Queensland (Un. G.R.E.)	F. Austin Bell	Brisbane
South Africa	F. L. Kight	Cape Town
South Australia	Chas. R. J. Glover	Adelaide
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart
Mexico	Wayne A. White	Mexico City
Victoria	C. J. Barrow	Melbourne
Western Australia	J. D. Stephenson	Perth

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Alberta	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	Calgary	Sept. 9, 1907
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	Jan. 9, 1878
Canada	Frederick Cook	Ottawa	Nov. 19, 1915
New Brunswick	Donald Munro	Woodstock	Apl. 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	John A. Munro	River Herbert	July 18, 1911
Prince Ed. Island	Charles Doull	Cape Traverse	March 3, 1908
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	Sept. 30, 1885
Saskatchewan	H. H. Campkin	Regina	June 15, 1907

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
England	E. C. Mulvey	New Barnet	March 1, 1911
Ireland	Rt. Rd. J. B. Crozier	Dublin	Oct. 25, 1898
Scotland	William Lindsay	Edinburgh	April 3, 1903

IN THE UNITED STATES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Alabama	George A. Joiner	Talladega	July 15, 1909
Arizona	R. H. Hethrington	Prescott	April 10, 1901
Arkansas	George T. Black	Pocahontas	Sept. 13 1911
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	Sept. 10, 1891
Connecticut	David R. Alling	New Haven	Aug. 18, 1902
Delaware	Andr. L. Johnson	Wilmington	Oct. 16, 1895
Dist. of Columbia	Frank B. Curtis	Washington	July 20, 1908
Florida	Geo. B. Glover	Monticello	May 30, 1904
Georgia	J. A. McDonald	Plains	Jan. 19, 1916
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	
Illinois	Hugh R. Stewart	Chicago	Sept. 20, 1901
Indiana	Geo. W. Snyder	New Albany	Apl. 17, 1903
Iowa	G. M. VanLeuven	Osage	Sept. 30, 1885
Kansas	John A. Ferrell	Sedan	Nov. 1, 1911
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May 1, 1895
Maine	Albert M. Ames	Stockton Springs	Nov. 24, 1908
Maryland	Chas. L. Merriken	Baltimore	Feb. 20, 1911
Michigan	R. P. Anderson	Port Huron	April 1, 1916
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	St. Paul	Feb. 4, 1893
Mississippi	J. Rice Williams	Houston	April 9, 1912
Missouri	Charles H. Pope	St. Louis	Sept. 19, 1916

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

IN THE UNITED STATES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Montana	Elliott F. Farnham	Butte	Mar. 9, 1915
Nebraska	Elias W. Beghtol	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Nevada	Alex. O. Percy	Goldhill	July 23, 1907
New Hampshire	H. L. Sanderson	Nashua	Nov. 25, 1910
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Camden	Nov. 23, 1894
New Mexico	J. J. Kelly	Silver City	Mar. 1, 1892
New York	Esbon B. Rew	Buffalo	June 1, 1916
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
North Dakota	Gus. B. Metzger	Williston	Sept. 26, 1914
Ohio	Chas. L. H. Long	Newark	Oct. 19, 1909
Oklahoma	Wm. J. Oakes	Grant	July 7, 1909
Oregon	Wm. H. Hobson	Salem	Jan. 24, 1899
Rhode Island	H. L. Carpenter	Providence	Apl. 16, 1908
South Carolina	Thomas G. Perrin	Abbeville	Dec. 28, 1914
South Dakota	John A. Cleaver	Huron	Apl. 2, 1902
Tennessee	O. R. Stansberry	Coal Creek	Sept. 10, 1915
Texas	Charles F. Neill	Port Arthur	Oct. 18, 1909
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	Sept. 12, 1890
Vermont	E. B. Whittaker	Barre	May 20, 1891
Virginia	Frank Gilmer	Charlottesville	Feb. 8, 1899
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellensburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	James Luke, Jr.	New Cumberland	Dec. 10, 1898
Wisconsin	John Gill	Milwaukee	July 24, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	Joseph Ramsey	San Jose	Sept. 19, 1916
Cuba, Island of	Franc. R. Machado.	Havana	Mar. 1, 1913
Egypt	Michal Bay Saleh	Cairo	July 4, 1902
Mexico	John Lychenheim	Mexico City	Oct. 13, 1913
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 15, 1909
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Jan. 5, 1915
Philippine Islands	George N. Hurd	Manila	Aug. 19 ,1915
Porto Rico	Geo. W. Roberts	San Juan	Jan. 7, 1892
Queensland	J. Magor Symons	Adelaide	Jan. 31, 1916
South Australia	T. W. Fowler	Hobart	Sept. 9, 1909
Victoria	W. R. Edwards	Melbourne	Dec. 1, 1903
West'n Australia	R. T. Robinson	Perth	Jan. 7, 1901

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Alberta	Albert J. Hatcher	Brandon	June 17, 1910
British Columbia	James Scroggie	Winnipeg	Oct. 6, 1885
Canada	Most Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	Mar. 9, 1904
New Brunswick	Rev. M. P. Floyd	Melita	June 10, 1910
Nova Scotia	John Wemyss	Neepawa	Jan. 20, 1902
Prince Ed. Island	John T. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1899
Quebec	J. T. Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895
Saskatchewan	Chas. N. Bell	Winnipeg	June 15, 1907

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
England	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg	Nov. 5, 1908
Ireland	Edward M. Walker	Winnipeg	Oct. 8, 1914
Scotland	Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg	Aug. 5, 1897

FROM THE UNITED STATES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Alabama	J. S. Armitage	Minnedosa	Dec. 11, 1912
Arizona	Wm. A. Ducker	Winnipeg	June 15, 1907
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 5, 1899
Colorado	Herbert L. Rixon	Brandon	Feb. 15, 1916
Connecticut	Geo. W. Baker	Winnipeg	Mar. 17, 1899
Delaware	John Coulter	Treherne	Apl. 2, 1915
District of Col.	G. S. McGregor	Mekiwin	June 20, 1900
Florida	James D. Baine	Winnipeg	May 21, 1897
Georgia	Alex. McIntyre	Winnipeg	June 5, 1914
Idaho	John R. Grant	Winnipeg	July 15, 1901
Illinois	Robert T. Hewitt	Morden	Apl. 8, 1915
Indiana	Alex. Burns	Brandon	Apl. 28, 1913
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Louisiana	James T. White	Winnipeg	Jun 17, 1889
Maine	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine	Dec. 20, 1898
Maryland	D. H. McFadden	Emerson	Jan. 5, 1899
Michigan	John McKechnie	Winnipeg	Jan. 1, 1903
Minnesota	Thos. W. Taylor	Winnipeg	Dec. 26, 1898
Mississippi			
Missouri	R. P. Crookshank	Rapid City	July 21, 1901
Montana	Jas. Johnson	Boissevain	July 29, 1908
Nebraska	H. E. Bletcher	Winnipeg	June 11, 1913
Nevada	E. A. Struthers	Winnipeg	Dec. 11, 1902
New Hampshire	Rev. A. Chisholm	Bield	Dec. 15, 1902

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

FROM THE UNITED STATES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico	John Dickson	Brandon	June 17, 1908
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	Jan. 30, 1879
North Carolina	Fred. L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	Mar. 22, 1906
North Dakota	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk	Jan. 5, 1899
Ohio	W. C. Copeland	Winnipeg	Jan. 22, 1886
Oklahoma	P. E. Kellett	Winnipeg	May 18, 1914
Oregon	A. L. Young	Souris	Dec. 29, 1898
Rhode Island	Jas. G. Dagg	Winnipeg	Dec. 8, 1894
South Carolina	Wm. A. Windatt	Winnipeg	Mar. 31, 1891
South Dakota	Herbert H. Goulter	Virden	Dec. 1, 1897
Tennessee	J. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	Henry J. Pugh	Brandon	April 3, 1899
Utah	Jos. M. Robinson	Winnipeg	May 6, 1903
Vermont	Robt. F. McTavish	Morris	June 15, 1907
Virginia	Robt. Hill Myers	Winnipeg	Dec. 30, 1898
Washington	J. Malcolm Suttie	Winnipeg	Mar. 19, 1906
West Virginia	William Fenwick	Brandon	Dec. 29, 1898
Wisconsin	John T. Persse	Winnipeg	July 3, 1907

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	T. Harry Webb	Winnipeg	Aug. 23, 1902
Cuba, Island of	E. T. Greenway	Crystal City	Mar. 22, 1906
Egypt	William Chambers	Hamiota	June 1, 1906
Mexico	Robt. T. Butchart	Minnedosa	Oct. 21, 1911
New South Wales	Sir D. H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1899
New Zealand	Rev. Cannon Garton	St. Boniface	June 2, 1906
Philippine Islands	Rev. A. W. Goulding	Holland	Feb. 20, 1915
Porto Rico	Charles D. Kerr	Wawanesa	June 1, 1915
South Australia	William Conner	Morden	Jan. 4, 1917
Tasmania	Corbet Locke	Morden	Apl. 2, 1900
Victoria	Peter Duncan	Birtle	June 15, 1907
West'n Australia	Roland C. Brown	Portage la Prairie	June 15, 1907

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The Forty-third Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon on Wednesday, June 12th, A.D. 1918, A.L. 5918.

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V.W. Bro. George T. Earle (74), Elkhorn	Grand Junior Deacon
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Bro. Thomas J. Smith (25), Winnipeg	Grand Tyler

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Bro. Arthur K. Brown, S.W. (125)

OPENING

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell (68), Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business was taken as read.

On motion of M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113), the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Forty-second Annual Communication held in the City of Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th days of June, 1917, were taken as read and confirmed.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The M.W. the Grand Master then read his address, as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

As we are met here for the Forty-Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the thought uppermost in our minds is the War. Overseas, the fight rages with redoubled fury; the very mists are charged with torment, and death rides on every wind. The Teuton is pitted against civilization, endeavoring to uphold the barbarous doctrine that Might is Right, in keeping with Neitzsche's enunciation, that, what we recognize as the binding power of the Sermon on the Mount is the greatest obstacle in the path of progressive civilization, because it is contrary to that biological law that gives dominion to the physically strong. We hold that there is something more mighty than might, more enduring than the thirst for blood and dominion. This fundamental of our faith, we will defend with the last ounce of our treasure and the last drop of our blood. The war, to be won in Europe, must be strenuously supported here.

Freemasonry, in this time of national stress, when our very civilization and freedom is at stake, should stand out in no uncertain way as influence for maintaining not only the spirit of our soldiers and sailors at the front, but also the morale and sustaining power of the people here.

"O you that still have rain and sun,
Kisses of children and of wife,
And the good earth to tread upon,
And the mere sweetness that is life,
Forget not us, who gave all these
For something dearer, and for you!
Think in what cause we crossed the seas!
Remember, he who fails the challenge,
Fails us, too.

Can we forget the dead who have nobly died on the bloody altar of liberty and sacrifice, or the living who are braving for us the perils of the furnace of War and the shadow of death. We should remember the bodies tortured with pain and weariness, and resolve to do our duty to them by aiding to the limit of our power in putting the National house in order. We want to make this Canada of ours worthy of the sacrifice, and a more fit place for them to live in when they shall have returned from the battlefields, swept, as one soldier has said, by the cleansing winds of God.

I feel that I can speak for all the Masons of Manitoba in expressing our determination to support our Government, by means of active co-operation in the carrying out of any and every measure to assist in this fight for liberty and democracy, whether it be food conservation, fuel conservation, Victory Loans or any other means thought necessary: our determination also to support the great benevolent and religious organizations that work for the health and the happiness of the soldiers in the field or the sailors in their ceaseless vigil on the sea. Each of our subordinate lodges should be an active committee for the furthering of these great ends. In a crisis such as this, the world should know where we stand. Lodges should vie with one another in rendering real, national service.

Freemasonry ever honors the memory of her departed brethren. Would that we could give even greater consolation to those that mourn.

"Shall I wear mourning for my soldier dead,
I, — a believer? Give me red,
Or give me royal purple for the King
At whose High Court my love is visiting.
Dress me in green for growth, for life made new;
For skies his dear feet march, dress me in blue;
In white for his white soul—robe me in gold
For all the pride that his new rank shall hold.
In earth's dim gardens blooms no hue too bright
So dress me for my love who walks in Light."

During the past year 40 members of our lodges have made the supreme sacrifice for country and liberty in the great war. Words cannot express the debt of gratitude we owe them. The barbarian threatens our very existence as a free people. Reason and Righteousness must be forced upon him that the foundation may be laid for the brotherhood of man. These soldiers died battling for that brotherhood which Freemasonry has for its ideal. We have ample reason, then, to cherish their memory. The glory they acquired will always live. To their dear ones, we would extend our deepest sympathy, and where necessary, may we be privileged to give counsel and assistance. Instinctively we remember these familiar sentences; "Death is swallowed up in Victory." "O Death where is thy sting, O Grave where is thy Victory?" Formerly they breathed consolation, now, in addition, they stimulate courage and hopeful aspiration. The work continues. Their bodies are dead, but their souls go marching on. Living and dead battle together for victory. Their death will not interfere, but will hasten the victory to which they looked forward.

Others of our members in more peaceful surroundings have passed away, some in the midst of buoyant manhood, others when treading the Western slopes of life. Every life, no matter when it ends, leaves a wide gap and sorrowing. May their dear ones have abundant consolation. We sympathize with them in their grief.

On the 1st of September of last year we were called upon to mourn the loss of our much beloved M.W. Brother George W. Baker, a Past Grand Master of this jurisdiction.

"That tower of strength
Which stood Four Square to all the winds that blew."

He had that rare quality which deepened and enriched men's understanding of men. He was indeed a tower of strength in our Grand Lodge. There is none to whom Freemasonry in Manitoba owes more, as all can vouch who knew him. He was genial, energetic and helpful. His highly charged personality inspired new energies and had a marked effect on the Masonic life of this province . Nor was he one whose Masonic activity was exercised only in the lime light of Grand Lodge. He is sincerely missed and mourned in his own Craft lodge, and many another lodge in this jurisdiction has pleasant recollections of his helpful counsel, genial presence and Masonic eloquence. We mourn him, but not as those without hope. The record of his Masonic life rings like a trumpet call inspiring the living to stronger action.

On Thursday, May 30th, 1918, M.W. Brother John McKechnie, another Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, passed to the Great Beyond. The record of his accomplishment in the commercial and industrial world is one of which most would be proud. He was successful in business, not by force of circumstances, but through inherent power. His record as a Mason speaks for itself. He was ever an active agent in the great work of human progress, and to him along with other pioneers of our craft, no small measure of credit is due for having laid our future on a foundation of strength. He was a pre-emininently fair and candid man, took no petty advantage, stooped to no unworthy motives, was wonderfully attached to his friends and courteous alike to all. His life will long exert a potential influence among the members of our fraternity. The later months of his life were blighted by illness, but undoubtedly the sharp wind of death, would dispel for him the mist, and in the clearness of that night-born day he would behold the beauties of an eternal morning.

We can look with pride on the results from the Bi-Centenary appeal for our Benevolent Fund. The Bi-Centenary Committee Report will be presented in due course and will furnish complete details. Manitoba Masons are to be congratulated on the whole-hearted response that has been made. We did not shirk when faced with duty. It is too early as yet to estimate whether we have sufficient in that Fund to adequately fulfill our purpose, but I am sure from the generous response made to this appeal, that if the time ever come for further appeal, the Masons of Manitoba will be equal to that occasion.

It was my privilege to be present during the year at more than one meeting of our Committee on Charity and Benevolence. I almost wished at the time that every member of this jurisdiction could have been present to see the real, helpful, sympathetic but practical work that is being done by this Committee in disbursing the relief funds of Grand Lodge. The Bi-Centenary Contribution will give them power to do an untold amount of good.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to many brethren who at great personal sacrifice assisted in achieving our Bi-Centenary objective. The list will be too numerous to give in the Committee's Report. That Report will also be silent as to the one to whom most credit is due, W. Brother W. R. McConnell. Brother McConnell has rendered invaluable service as Chairman of the Bi-Centenary Committee, a service that called for a great deal of time and labor. We owe him our grateful thanks.

Strange to state, in connection with this Bi-Centenary Appeal occurred the only unpleasant incident in my experience as your Grand Master. The Constitution calls on me to report my official acts, or I would be tempted not to mention it. On, or about July 27th, I sent a letter to each of the Masters of our several lodges telling them that Grand Lodge had unanimously endorsed the Bi-Centenary Appeal, and had authorized the use of all the available machinery of Grand Lodge and of the subordinate lodges to accomplish the end in view. Each Master was asked for his hearty co-operation and support, and requested to make it his personal care to see:—

"1. That an enthusiastic Committee is appointed when the time comes for making the canvas.

"2. That your Secretary co-operate fully by sending with their notices to your members the printed matter that will be sent from time to time by the Committee."

About a month later, under date of 25th of August, 1917, I received a letter in reply from the Master of one of the lodges as follows:—

Aug. 25th, 1917.

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother,—

I regret that I have overlooked replying to your favors of recent date, re the proposal of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to raise $100,000.00 as an Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England.

While the object is no doubt a worthy one, $100,000 at this time, or in fact, at any time, is a lot of money, and I believe that the objects of this fund, and the control, which the subordinate lodges, who are really raising the fund, will have over it, should be more fully explained than they have been.

Might I ask is it the proposition to enlarge the present Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund to $100,000.00, the annual income of which will be used for the purpose of relieving distress? I do not wish to be characterized either as a "knocker" or a "sore-head," but might state that the reception tendered any application for relief from this Fund by ....Lodge has not been such as to inspire the lodge with the belief that the brethren disbursing the fund bear in mind that it is, as its name would imply, a fund for the relief of poor and distressed worthy brethren.

While I would carry out any commands which the Most Worshipful Grand Master might give me, I would not, and could not under existing conditions, subscribe to, or request other brethren to subscribe to the enlargement of the present Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund. In the first place, the Fund is not available for a brother who has been suspended for N.P.D. which, in my opinion, is a mistake in a great many cases. If a brother were able to pay his dues and keep in good standing, he would not require charity from his brethren. In the second place, the requirements in making application to the fund are so stringent that they could not be complied with by a brother who would wish to retain his self-respect. I know that you will probably say in reply to this that the matter was discussed on the floor of Grand Lodge, and I regret to say that the majority of representatives to Grand Lodge, particularly the country members, gave me the impression that they had not sat up nights studying charity.

I am giving you these views in a frank manner, feeling that the initial step towards raising such an amount of money is to clearly define for what purpose it is being raised and to give the subordinate lodges some control over the fund aside from representatives from their lodges who may be fortunate enough to serve on the Committee elected by Grand Lodge for the purpose of governing this fund. I do not think it equitable that Grand Lodge should distribute it, and as far as..............................Lodge is concerned, these several points will have to be cleared up and made plain before any whole-hearted co-operation can be looked for from them.

I shall be pleased indeed, to discuss this matter with you, either personally or with a Committee from Grand Lodge, but in the meantime, under existing circumstances, I have not even a luke-warm interest in the proposition.

Yours sincerely and fraternally."

This letter also bears the seal of the lodge. I replied to it the same day as received, as follows;-

Dear Bro. ....

This will acknowledge your letter of August 25th. I would like to thank you for the extremely frank statement of your objections to supporting in any way the appeal for Bi-centenary Contributions to our Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund.

I do not know whether you intended from the second last paragraph of your letter that I should understand that you share your opinion with the members of.......................... Lodge, or in other words, that you have been authorized by the lodge to speak for them in the matter. These objections of yours I think, can be answered to your satisfaction, and I sincerely hope that........................lodge will take its place in the van with other lodges of this district, and give enthusiastic support to the scheme. Your letter is the first intimation that I have had that any lodge is opposed to this. From all parts of the province I have had most enthusiastic support promised.

The main reason for asking for this increase in the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund is on account of the War. I do not need to point out to one whom I know has been interested in this War Relief, the duty that we owe to our brethren who have gone overseas and who may come back maimed and indigent, nor the duty we owe to the relatives of those of our brethren who may make the supreme sacrifice for us. If these relatives should ever be in destitute circumstances and need relief and assistance, I am sure from the tone of your letter, that you would be one of the first to want to give it to them. I said that I do not need to emphasize this strongly to you. I want to point out though, that that, is the main reason for collecting this contribution and I want to ask you not to let any minor details or objections hinder you from supporting this great cause which overshadows everything at the present time.

You mention certain objections that you have to the way in which the Fund is adminstered. It may be that your points are well taken, but what I would like to bring strongly to your attention is this,—that the mode of administration of this Fund is in a more or less formative stage as yet, further that the whole-souled desire of everyone connected with Grand Lodge is that the greatest assistance possible should be given in the most effective way, and if it is found from experience that certain changes are necessary in the operation of our relief machinery I have no doubt, and you need have no doubt but that these changes will be made. Our Benevolent Committee had to make a start somewhere.

The rules that our Benevolent Committee have adopted are virtually the same as have been in force for the government of the Benevolent Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the past 20 years or more. I had the pleasure of having lunch a few days ago, with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada and I asked him particularly about the operation of their Benevolent Fund. His testimoney was most encouraging with regard to the way in which these rules worked out. Now, I would ask you to bear in mind that the great cause we are working for, is of more than the mere details of administration, and that these details of administration that you object to, will most certainly be adjusted if the Committee or Grand Lodge find there is need for it. The members of the Committee who have the administration of this fund are interested as much as you or I may be in having the most efficient aid possible given.

You state as an objection that the fund is not available for a brother who has been suspended for N.P.D. Does it not occur to you that if a deserving case of this kind should arise, the remedy for it rests with the lodge, and not with the benevolent committee to put the brother in good standing? I hardly think it fair to withhold support from the fund for a reason of this kind. In the second place you refer to the rules of administration being too stringent. It will be my desire, and I think the desire of the majority of the brethren of Grand Lodge to have these rules modified if they are found to be too strigent. Grand Lodge is a democratic body. The majority rule. I have no hesitation in saying that we can safely leave it to the majority opinion of an organization, whose main principles are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. I am sure that if at any time you bring the matter needing change or rearrangement, to the attention of Grand Lodge, that if there is reason for it, the change will be made.

Now, Brother........................., I have written a somewhat lengthy letter in reply, partly because I appreciated your frankness in stating your side of it to me. I want to be equally frank with you, and frankly speaking, I think that you can give your support to this matter, because at the same time you can have deep seated assurance that it will undoubtedly be administered in the most effective way possible. I would be very sorry indeed, to have such an important lodge as................................Lodge line up in opposition to a movement, which it seems to me is the greatest practical Masonic movement that we could make at the present time. It is deserving of the kindly support and "co-operation of the **whole of our Membership.** I know that your desire to do the right thing is just as sincere as mine so I hope that before you decide to give this matter neutral or passive treatment, that you will weigh well all of the considerations that I have pointed out, and not lose sight of the great object we have in view. Do not let mere details hide the main issue.

If you are still unconvinced and would like to discuss the matter further, I would appreciate it very much if you would arrange to see me and I will be glad to talk it over with you. I would like to develop not only a lukewark interest, but the warmest and most enthusiastic interest in the minds of your members as well as yourself.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

P. E. Kellett,
Grand Master."

This letter I tried to make as conciliatory as possible, and, as it was my earnest desire to avoid any unpleasantness, I suggested a personal review, if he were still unconvinced. The same day I interviewed R. W. Bro. A. L. Crossin, D.D.G.M. for the First Masonic district, showed him both the letters quoted above, and asked him to see W. Brother........................., and get his co-operation if possible, but in any case, make sure that W. Bro................., was not going to do anything to prevent this appeal being fairly presented to................................Lodge. I made it plain to R. W. Bro. Crossin that the resolution of Grand Lodge, called for an appeal being made in each lodge, and a committee being appointed in each lodge to conduct the canvas, and that according to my view, the lodges had no option but to receive the appeal and appoint a committee. Whether they responded to the appeal or not was at the discretion of the individual members. I told R. W. Bro. Crossin that if it were necessary, I would go to................................Lodge myself as I wished the appeal to be fairly presented to the lodge, and without having cold water thrown on it at the start. On or about September 8th, R. W. Bro. Crossin informed me that he had had a long interview with W. Bro...................................., and was unsuccessful in changing his opinion in the least, but he asked me to let matters stand until W. Bro. Horace Ormond, District Secretary, had another interview with W. Bro........................... It was arranged that W. Bro. Ormond was to telephone me in the early part of the following week. I waited until the following Wednesday, September 12th, and then not having heard from W. Bro. Ormond, it was arranged that M.W. Bro. E. M. Walker should go to...............................Lodge on September 17th and present the appeal. The lodge was notified that this would be done.

In the meantime certain literature had been prepared by the Bi-centenary Committee to be distributed to each member of our lodges. The first of the series was a circular letter signed by myself. The necessary quantity to cover the membership of each lodge, was sent to the secretary of each lodge by our Grand Secretary. Along with them went the following notice;-

"Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
Office of the Grand Secretary,
Winnipeg, Aug. 15th, 1917.

Secretary of..................................Lodge, No..............

Dear Sir and Brother-;

You will please enclose one of the accompanying circulars with each notice to your members, calling your September meeting. By order of the Grand Master.

James A. Ovas,
Grand Secretary."

On September 13th, I learned from some members of.................................Lodge and others, that the circulars had not been sent out along with the September notices to.................................. members. On learning this, I at once communicated by telephone with the Secretary of..................................Lodge and asked him if he had received the circulars in question, and had understood that they were intended to be sent out along with the notices for the September meeting. He informed me that he had received them, and had understood but that they had not been sent out because the W.M. had 'phoned him and told him not to send them out. I told him I was sorry this attitude had been assumed and that I could not overlook it.

Here I was confronted by a very unpleasant situation. The master of a lodge, was undertaking to hinder not only the Grand Master in carrying out the instructions of Grand Lodge, but was also undertaking to impede the expressed will of Grand Lodge. It could not be pleaded that this was done unintentionally, and through ignorance of the desire of Grand Lodge, because my letter of July 27th made the matter clear, and the proceedings had been distributed before this date. W. Bro................as master of a lodge, had had opportunity to read in the proceedings just what the resolution of Grand Lodge called for. Further it seemed an affront to the dignity of a Grand Master as the representative of Grand Lodge, to have the Master of a subordinate lodge stand in the way and say "No!" "a circular from the Grand Master shall not be sent out to our members." Ordinary courtesy would seem to demand that before W. Bro.........................took his stand, he should have communicated with me. He should have done this especially as I had suggested that if he were not convinced by my letter of August 27th, that I would be glad to talk it over with him. It did not seem to me that it would be in keeping with the dignity of the position I held to overlook this or even to call on W. Bro..................and arrange by special plea for the circulars to be sent out. Nothing therefore, was done until...............................Lodge met on the 17th of September. I visited the Lodge that night, officially, and suspended W. Bro...........................from the office of W.M. of..............................Lodge for the balance of his term.

On October 20th, I received a resolution unanimously passed by..............................Lodge, asking that W. Bro...............................be re-invested and re-instated as their Worshipful Master.

On November 2nd, W. Bro.....................telephoned and asked if he might meet me. We met at the Temple here, and I recited to W. Bro..........................the whole matter as it appealed to me, and made clear why I was virtually forced to act as I did towards him. I pointed out to him that this was a matter that a resolution from the Lodge could not adjust. He was the one who had been guilty of insubordination, and before I could comply with the wishes of the Lodge as expressed in the resolution, I required some expression from him, that would lead me to decide that the demands of just discipline had been satisfied, and that further depriving him from office would savor of persecution. W. Bro........................left me that night with the assurance that he would gladly write such a letter and that I might expect to receive it next day. The following day he telephoned and asked me if I would write a letter for him to sign. He said he had made more than one attempt but had difficulty in phrasing it rightly. I demurred at doing this, but on his repeated urging and saying he would appreciate my doing it, I met him at the

Temple here and wrote about the form I thought his letter ought to take, and gave it to him as a suggestion only. He took this away with him. On November 9th, he wrote me a letter marked "personal," to which I replied as follows:—

Winnipeg, 12th November, 1917.

"Dear Bro.............................,

This will acknowledge your letter of November 9th. I am sorry to learn from that letter, that you do not care to write an apology, because I believe that that would be the proper way in which to handle this matter. The great danger of following the course that you suggest, would be that the statement that you make in Lodge might not meet with my views in the matter, and a still more unpleasant situation than the first one might be created. Further, I have maintained all along that the Lodge was not a party to this at all, and it is not therefore necessary for them to hear any statement from you, nor yet from me. The letter that I asked for from you, was for Grand Lodge, and not for the ....Lodge.

I hope that you can see your way clear to write it, and of course, if you were re-instated, you should have ample opportunity to make whatever statement you wish to your own Lodge.

I regret that I cannot see my way clear to comply with your wishes, but hope that within the next day or so, the letter suggested will come to hand from you, as I would like very much to carry out the wishes of the.................................... Lodge.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

P. E. KELLETT, Grand Master."

No reply having reached me, and as the.................................... Lodge meeting was drawing near, on November 17th, I replied to their resolution as follows by a letter addressed to the Secretary;—

"Winnipeg, 17th November, 1917.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—

This will acknowledge your letter of October 20th, enclosing Report and Resolution as stated.

On November 2nd, at Bro.. request, I met him at the Temple, and fully explained the situation to him from my viewpoint. I made it plain to him

> at that time, that..Lodge had not been censured nor called to account in any way. Discipline was administered to him and to him only, because of insubordination. Owing to this I explained to Bro...that the matter rested between himself and myself, as representing Grand Lodge. I stated to him that resolutions from the Lodge could not mend matters, and were only of value in so far as they showed the goodwill of the Lodge towards him, and indicated to me the desire of the Lodge for his re-instatement.
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> I further explained to him that no personal ill-will accompanied my action, and that I would be pleased to re-instate him if the proper steps were taken by him. As to what these proper steps would be—I made it plain to him, that I would expect from him a letter frankly acknowledging the fault and regretting it. After considering the matter for a week, Bro. ....wrote me a personal letter in which he declined to send a letter of apology, but he wished me to accept a statement which he proposed to make to ....Lodge. In reply, I sent him on November 12th, a letter, copy of which I enclose herewith. To this letter I have had no reply. I hope that the members of...Lodge will realize that it would have been a pleasure to me to comply with their wishes if Bro..could have seen his way clear to fulfill the conditions that I set out to him.
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> Yours sincerely and fraternally,
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> P. E. KELLETT, Grand Master."

After this letter had been sent, I received another personal letter from W. Bro... declining to change his decision as expressed in his letter of November 9th. The whole incident was extremely unpleasant to me, but I felt I pursued the only course I could, in keeping with the dignity of the position to which you elected me.

On 24th June, 1917, I was pleased to attend a Commemorative service held in this building under the auspices of the Winnipeg Masonic Lodges in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. This important Masonic event was fittingly commemorated at this meeting. The same day I cabled the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England as follows:—

"Winnipeg, 27th June, 1917.

"Sir Edward Letchworth,
Freemason's Hall.
London, England.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba sends congratulations and fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of England on this, your 200th Anniversary. May the work commenced 200 years ago ever continue to be an example and inspiration to us. May the greatest success attend your efforts.

P. E. KELLETT, Grand Master."

To this, I received the following reply by cable:—

London, 30th June, 1917.

"Kellett, Grand Master,
Manitoba Freemasons, Winnipeg.

Grand Master thanks you sincerely for your most kind telegram, and warmly reciprocates your good wishes. Letchworth."

The year 1917 was also commemorative of the introduction of Freemasonry into the Province of Manitoba. This was done by authority of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. In 1864 permission was given by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for the transfer of the place of meeting of Northern Light Lodge U.D. from Pembina N.D. to Fort Garry (now Winnipeg). In 1867 a Charter was granted to this lodge meeting at Fort Garry, but owing to the great distance it was from the then organized lodges, the lodge was never constituted, its officers were never installed, and the Charter was never issued. The trouble-some times that immediately followed in this country probably accounted for the membership of this pioneer Lodge becoming scattered and the lodge becoming extinct without having been constituted.

With commendable enterprise, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, on October 18th, 1917, arranged an International Anniversary meeting to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the granting of this Charter to a lodge in Manitoba. M.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Pinkham, a Past Grand Master of Minnesota was present, and graced the occasion with an inspiring address. It was a great pleasure to me to be present and greet this distinguished visitor. more particularly because he came from the great Republic to the south of us, which had at that time only recently joined us in the federation of the democracies of the world to stop the tide of bloody, avaricious despotism. This alliance meant something more—the pleasing reunion of the English-speaking races, which, since the Civil War, (sometimes called Revolution) of

1776, had been more or less separated. May it not mean also the beginning of a new order of things, the establishment of that League of Peace, that International Brotherhood to which the relations of the self-governing countries of the British Empire were pointing the way.

Certain dispensations were issued during the year, a list of which will be found in the Grand Secretary's Report. None of these require special comment, as, so far as I know, no new precedents were established.

As in some cases dispensation was refused, it may be fitting for me to make some comment, especially as each was a case of physical defect, and owing to the war such cases in the future, may be more numerous than in the past. I refused dispensation in one case where a soldier had lost his legs, both off a few inches from the body. Sympathy would urge one to overlook almost any physical defect in a soldier who had become maimed in this war. But I felt no great hardship would be incurred by waiting Dispensation can be applied for again. I did not want to establish a precedent, which might turn out to be dangerous and costly for this Grand Lodge to follow. This is a question that should be carefully considered at this Grand Lodge session, and a definite policy laid down for future guidance. The problem will be placed before you for your decision, when the new Constitution is being considered. My own opinion is that we should guard against being swayed altogether by sympathy. It would rebound very much to the discredit of our fraternity. if we assumed a burden greater than we could bear. Our fraternity is not in any sense a Benefit Society. If the bars are taken down almost altogether, it will undoubtedly result in our having added to our membership a great many who would be a charge against the fraternity for the balance of their natural lives. In that case, in place of $100,00.00 we might need a Benevolent Fund of $1,000,000.00. Can we raise such a fund? It was never the intention of our Institution to have any for its members but such as were not only able to help themselves, but were also able and willing to help others. It seems to me that safety lies in adhering pretty closely to the original intent.

Two other dispensations were asked for in cases where those desiring membership had lost the right arm and consequently would be unable to, in the approved way, recognize a Brother Mason, in the dark as well as in the light. This seemed to me dangerous ground to encroach on, so I declined to give dispensation.

If this Grand Lodge should decide on a not too narrow adherance to the old time specification, as I hope it will, for, as the old saying is, "It is less harmful to have a wooden leg than a wooden head," I would recommend that in all cases of physical disability, it be insisted on that an applicant for membership be not only able to support himself, but also able and willing to contribute to the assistance of those in need. Only in this way, it seems to me can we assure ourselves of a membership vigorous enough to carry out Masonic work on its broadest lines. I would recommend also that a set form of application for dispensation in cases of physical disqualification be drawn up, so that complete information as to the circumstances and capabilities of the applicant may be placed before whoever has to decide on whether dispensation should be granted or not. Such form should be used in all cases where dispensation is asked for on account of physical disqualification.

Accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Ovas. I had the pleasure of attending District meetings at the following places, on the dates set opposite to each.

Minnedosa—Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 1917.
Portage la Prairie—Wednesday, Oct. 10th, 1917.
Manitou—Monday, Oct. 22nd, 1917.
Dominion City—Wednesday, Oct. 24th, 1917.
Carman—Monday, Nov. 5th, 1917.
Treherne—Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 1917.
Melita—Tuesday, April 2nd, 1918.
Elkhorn—Thursday, April 4th, 1918.

I was also present informally at two District Meetings of the First Masonic District held in the City of Winnipeg, on January 24th, 1918. and May 1st, 1918.

It was a real pleasure to be present at all these meetings. mingle with and get better acquainted with the brethren, and get a closer range view of the activity and problems of the lodges, especially in those districts, which one living in Winnipeg does not often come in contact with. It is pleasing to report a feeling of earnestness and a desire for broader Masonic endeavor, that was in evidence at all these meetings.

Time will not permit of separate comment regarding each meeting. There was much to commend in connection with each one. If I venture on a few words of suggestion it must not be construed as mere fault-finding, but as an evidence of my desire that they be made even more useful in the future than they have been in the past. All of the criticism I have to offer does not apply to every meeting.

District meetings should be planned to be of distinct educational value to those attending. A definite plan of subjects for discussion should be mapped out, so as to guard against mere drifting. The District Deputy Grand Master calling the meeting should arrange this program, and it might be most effectively done by allotting a subject to one brother from each of the lodges in the district. Brethren should not attend these meetings as mere sponges wanting to absorb what they can, and contribute nothing in return. The meetings can be most valuable only, if all come prepared to do their share in making them so. In one case the District Deputy Grand Master who called the meeting, did not attend, nor did he send any explanation for not doing so. This, it seemed to me, was wrong and lacking in courtesy to the brethren who were invited to attend.

It was a matter of regret that a district meeting could not be arranged for in the Ninth Masonic District. Two dates were set aside by the Grand Secretary and myself for visiting that District, but they had to be called off owing to some petty difference there, as to where the District meeting should be held. As no District meeting was held there last year either, for the same alleged reason, I feel that this should be brought to the attention of Grand Lodge, and through it to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. that some steps may be taken towards arranging a real rousing meeting there next year and wielding together whatever discordant elements there may be.

During the year, I made official visits to the following lodges, in addition to those already mentioned,-

Neepawa	No. 24	Tuesday, September 25th, 1917.
Stonewall	“ 12	Wednesday, September 26th, 1917.
St. James	“ 121	Wednesday, December 12th, 1917.
King Edward	“ 93	Wednesday, December 19th, 1917.
Ionic	“ 25	Monday, January 7th, 1918.
Acacia	“ 111	Wednesday, January 9th, 1918.
Norwood	“ 119	Thursday, January 10th, 1918.
Prince Rupert	“ 1	Tuesday, January 15th, 1918.
Northern Light	“ 10	Thursday, January 17th, 1918.
Ancient Landmark	“ 3	Monday, January 21st, 1918.
The Assiniboine	“ 114	Tuesday, February, 5th, 1918.
St. John's	“ 4	Wednesday, February 6th, 1918.
St. James	“ 121	Wednesday February 13th, 1918.
Lisgar	“ 2	Tuesday, February, 19th, 1918.
King Edward	“ 93	Tuesday, February, 19th. 1918.

In addition, I had the honor of assisting in conferring the Installed Master's degree on the Masters elect of the First Masonic District, in this building on December 27th, 1917. It is pleasing to remember the very great courtesy I was shown as your Grand Master, at all of these meetings.

On February 12th, 1918, the Grand Secretary on my instructions issued a circular, calling a conference to be held in Winnipeg, on Tuesday 26th of February, 1918. The invitation was sent to all Grand Lodge officers, members of the Board of General Purposes and members of the Bi-centenary Committee. The purpose of the conference was to discuss various Masonic activities with a view to enlarging, if possible, and if practicable, the scope of our Masonic work in this jurisdiction. I feel that the meeting, was in a great measure, a success in attaining the object we had in view. It gave the brethren who attended, a comprehensive outline of what had been accomplished as a result of the Bicentenary appeal and what yet remained to be done. They went away more enthused, and the fact that we have reached the result aimed for, is, in a great measure, due to that meeting. At this meeting also, the Committee on Masonic Research and Education submitted a plan for the forming of a Study Club in each of our lodges. This plan was talked over and finally approved of by that Conference. The Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education will tell you further what results were attained by their efforts. R.W. Bro. Alex. McIntyre, as Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, had an opportunity of outlining to those present, some of the needs of the Fraternity in this jurisdiction. This he did in a most eloquent and effective manner, and the counsel he gave would no doubt be productive of good.

The Conference was a new venture so far as our jurisdiction is concerned, but many brethren present expressed themselves as feling that it had been well worth while.

In these days of changing conditions, the time would seem to be opportune to emphasize among ourselves the ideal of Freemasonry, and study ways and means of bringing it about. Oftentimes, a little better outlook can be secured by a more careful inlook. We can then probably discover how best to set the Craft to work, and give them good and wholesome instruction for their labor.

Reduced to fundamentals, it seems to me, the main object of our fraternity is to give the individual member increased opportunity for self-development, self-realization and service. If, for any reason, this object is lost sight of or obscured, our institution has no real place in a world such as exists today. This purpose cannot be fulfilled by the mere performance of ceremonies and the recitation of rituals. We must have a practical application of our truths and morals in social uplifting work. Unless we can do this, thinking people will have no time for us.

The call of the hour is for service. We cannot hold ourselves withdrawn in the chill and sterile region of mere formalism. We cannot neglect the great currents of thought and action that flow around us. We must justify ourselves anew with innumerable proofs of our humanitarian mission. The mere survival of an organization is not irrefutable proof of its value. We were never meant for an ornamental tree. Our fraternity was planted to bear fruit. If, in the days to come, it brings forth nothing but ornamental leaves, it will either die of self-disgust, or the axe will be laid at its root. If, in the opinion of mankind, the Masonic fraternity does not justify itself as a constructive power in this constructive age, it will gradually subside into that unfathomable oblivion where so many other institutions have been engulfed. Days are coming when institutions such as ours will have to stand for something, or stand aside.

We have in the past been too hampered by close drawn legislation, which has tended to strangle all initiative and independence of spirit. We need to make a new alignment that our thought forces may wield some influence in the world. Let us be done with merely marking time, mere useless drill, and, keeping in mind the high purpose and ideals of our institution, trim our sails to meet the current of present day thought. The reference is particularly to that time honored barrier to the discussion of national political and religious subjects, which might tend to cause difference of opinion. That has served its purpose, and it seems to me, that its usefulness is past. It was made for an age when it may have been expedient. But the law of life is growth. No generation can prevent the growth of future generations, by fixing in accordance with its ideas, the specific conditions under which the future generations are to live. Past experience indicates that no law which must be broken in order that the new ideas of the future may find room for growth, can be permanent.

We pride ourselves, sometimes, on our antiquity, our history, and our traditions. We should have the greatest reverence for the past record of Freemasonry, but we should not, in any measure, make ourselves slaves to this past record. Benefit is to be gained more often than not, by forgetting the past and considering the problems of the present. It seems to me, that in the days soon to come, our main study should be as to how we can best assist in making life better worth living, by promoting justice and peace among men. We cannot do this in the present day and generation, if we are hampered by the customs of not only our fathers, but of our Grandfathers and great-grandfathers. We can scarcely feel free to move with such a hump on our shoulders. The result has been that we have accustomed ourselves to travelling at a snail's pace, and some have come in the end to regard this as an evidence of wisdom. Some have even developed a sort of pride in the burden that has weighed us down. It has become more than a mere weight—a weight of glory—and it has acquired such a mellow richness with old age that the idea of laying it aside even to walk faster is unheard of. These ultra conservatives do not wish to advance quickly towards anywhere in particular. Their chief object in life is to keep close to their burden of treasures, hampering though some of them may be. In view of conditions that face us, and what I believe to be our duty and opportunity. I would strongly recommend to this Grand Lodge that this hampering legislation be removed, and that a re-adjustment be made, so that any lodge can feel free to discuss any topic of social or moral import, but with the distinct proviso that no resolutions are to be passed regarding any of these questions.

Out of the shell hole of war a new social order is arising. Old ideals, conditions and customs have sunk like a lost Atlantis beneath an ocean of tumultuous change. We are witnessing the birth of a new era. A marvellous change is coming about in the social consciousness of all classes. New social relations between the different sections of the people are being made or are in the making. Soldiers, facing death in the trenches, are asking themselves what they are fighting for, and are determining in their own minds to take a larger place in the Community and National life of the future, and to endeavor to see that their ideals are consummated when peace is declared. Workers are thinking and questioning. The times are turbulent with a perplexing kind of labor unrest. All classes have realized that things have changed and are still changing. The world cannot be the same as it was five years ago, any more than a patient can be the same after a siege of deadly fever. As a final result, there will be no sort or condition of men that will not be altered in their being or in their relations to other men. The concensus of opinion of present day thinkers and writers seems to be that the time is about to come when the men of the working classes will control the destinies of this world of ours. Some shrewd thinkers have also said that our present day problem is not only to make the world safe for democracy, but also to make democracy safe for the world.

For years before the war the struggle between labor and capital was most acute. There was such social unrest that in some places violent revolution was feared. The war has, in a great measure, brought about such changes that this will not be necessary. The whole world recognizes the part that labor has played and is continuing to play for the vindication of democracy, and that as a result of this, the man who labors will be immeasurably nearer to dominating the affairs of this world than ever before. Already the forces of labor in all countries, are formulating and announcing their after-war economic policies. It is our duty not to oppose, but to meet and to mingle with the views that will be advanced, and to do what we can to harmonize the different factions that will appear. The greatest good to the greatest number can be attained better by harmonious co-operation of all classes than by dissension and dispute. Signs are apparent that in the time to come, unreasonable as well as reasonable demands will be made, and attempt will be made to force the issue by legal enactment. It is a delusion to suppose that men can be made better by the mere passing of laws.

The new world is to be democratic. We have not to decide that, but what we have a great deal to do with is what sort of a democracy we are to have. The times vividly reveal the fact that without some steadying force in action, danger lurks in every corner. A few weeks ago, Mr. Gompers, the head of the American Federation of Labor, warned Canada against Bolshevic tendencies in her labor organizations, with which he says, they are more impregnated than are those of the United States. During the recent labor trouble in Winnipeg, one of Labor's leaders, publicly declared that workmen have a right to demand anything they have the power to enforce. It is only fair to add that certain capital interests have been guilty of equally pernicious doctrines. If the men who are to settle the world's most important questions in the years to come, have this spirit, the world may well beware. There can be no permanent peace nor prosperity until certain reasons for dissension and dispute are removed. These questions can never be settled in an air of hostility. They can only be settled in an atmosphere of mutual recognition and respect. Freemasonry has that atmosphere, and it can, if it will, exercise a wonderful steadying influence on the thought of the nation in the reconstruction years that face us. One Masonic writer well expresses our fitness for the task when he says;-

"Amidst bitterness and strife, masonry brings men of every rank and walk of life together as men, and nothing else, at an altar where they can talk and not fight, discuss and not dispute, and each may learn the point of view of his fellow. Other hope there is none save in this spirit of friendship and fairness, of democracy and the fellowship of man with man."

If we will but awaken to a self-consciousness and an intelligent sense of the bigness and imperativeness of the task and of our responsibility, we can accomplish much. The doom of autocracy is being written on the wall of this last horrid revel. A fresh vital movement of popular vengeance and revolutionary reconstruction, is growing, and there will be the need of all the harmonizing influences of each community to pilot it aright. Hundreds of thousands of our best blood have gone to save the world from governmental bondage. Let it not be said that we were not willing to shape our activities so as to use our influences with equally wholehearted loyalty of self-sacrifice, to saving our own democracy.

Whence shall we take the inspiration for our future work? Latin Masonry furnishes us an example, which, in my opinion, represents more nearly than we do, the real design of the Institution. No one can deny its great benefit to the citizenship of the countries in which it exists. It is a force for good whose influence is felt. We might do worse than to modify our own conceits, and literally as well as figuratively "look to the East."

Their whole lodge life is aimed to train their members for a life of activity in the interests of humanity. Their lodges are schools, existing to mould independent thinkers, free from prejudice and intolerance, to take their part in the citizenship of the nation. Social problems they consider legitimate masonic problems and they discuss them in their lodges so that indirectly they may be drawn to the attention of public opinion, and through that laws may be demanded to remedy them. Any of their members can introduce into the discussions of the lodge questions of social of moral import. Discussion gives more extended knowledge to all, and the result is that members go from the lodges if not transformed, at least better informed, and the truth which Masonic study and discussion brings out percolates indirectly into profane society with manifest results.

If our lodges were open for the discussion of subjects that will arise affecting the social welfare of the people, it seems to me, a great deal of good could, directly and indirectly, be done. This would make every lodge a thought centre of educational value to its members. The course laid down should be merely educational. Care should be taken that no resolutions were even presented, certainly not passed, that could be construed in any way to interfere with freedom of thought and action among our members. No lodge should be allowed to subject its members to a definite course for definite social or political action. The discussions should simply be to the end that the members through hearing the pro and con could become better informed and better able to carry out their social duties to the betterment of mankind.

Should we not then change our customs somewhat, and allow freedom of discussion in the important years that are to come? What better and what saner force could educate for tolerance, patriotism and good citizenship. This, it seems to me is a powerful instrument. Freemasonry should seize upon it to fulfil her mission in building character, and in teaching duty to God, to country, to neighbor and to self. In this common meeting ground, rich and poor, employer and employee, conservative and radical, all classes and conditions of our brethren, could harmonize and educate one the other. The Fraternity affords ideal auspices in such a situation as we are facing. Her stability, dignity and repute are almost a guarantee of proper administration.

"Indecision brings its own delays
And days are lost lamenting o'er lost days
Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute,
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it,
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.
Only engage, and then the mind grows heated
Begin, and then the work will be completed."

Probably no previous communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has been fraught with so much high importance. Many questions of vital moment will be submitted for your consideration. The Revised Constitution in the remodelling of which, the Committee has given much time and consideration, will be deserving of your most careful thought as it affects materially the whole of the Craft. A study of the proposed draft indicates that under this new constitution, if adopted, scope will be given for the widening of our several organizations in keeping with advanced and progressive Masonic thought. You have also had referred to you the important question as to whether or not the hand of fraternal friendship should be extended to the Masons of certain allied and neutral countries. It is not my intention to deliver any brief in support of the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations. As Grand Master, I prefer to remain neutral, and leave the matter to the judgment of Grand Lodge. There is a matter in connection with this question though, that I feel I should give you some information on.

On February 24th, 1918, the New York Times published an article strongly attacking the patriotism and Good Faith of the Grand Orient of France. To my mind this article had all the ear marks of emanating from an anti-masonic source, and I would have paid no attention to it had it not been evident, that it was being passed freely around among brethren here and credence was being given to the statements made. I was honored by having seven copies of the article in question mailed to me. Five of them from anonymous sources.

If half of what was charged in the article in question were true, I would be the last to want our members to have anything to do with the members of the Grand Orient of France. It did not seem fair, though, to believe these charges without hearing from the parties most concerned, so that with a view to getting information from the other side, on March 9th, 1918, I wrote direct to the Grand Orient of France, told them of the article, and asked for a statement of what they had to say in reply. In due course, the following reply came to hand;—

April 12th, 1918.

Dear Bro. Kellett,

I have just received your fraternal communication of the 9th of March, and I thank you for having interested yourself to so great an extent in the Grand Orient of France, which has been the object of unjustifiable attack in the article in the 'New York Times.'

I am sending you with this cover a copy of the reply that I have addressed to that journal, also the three documents mentioned in that reply. I hope that this will have the effect of reducing to nothing the charges formulated by a journalist who does not know us, and who has doubtless found his arguments in the 'Anti-Masonic Press, whose daily productions are as absurd as they are false.

I declare to you, that M. Joseph Caillaux has never been a Freemason, and that the Grand Orient of France has neither asked from him, nor rendered to him any services of a political character; the Administration of Justice is fully aware of the actions with which he is charged; it will consider them in a perfectly independent manner; as for us, we are complete strangers to him.

What has pained us most, is the accusation by which we are represented as being unfaithful and lacking in devotion to our country. In this connection, the official circulars enclosed, demonstrate most conclusively to the contrary. Further I beg to submit for your observation, the obligation which every candidate who presents himself at one of our lodges takes in the course of his masonic initiation. You read further this phrase; 'I will practise charity towards the weak, justice towards all, devotion towards my native land, and my family, dignity towards myself.'

It is not our practise to reply to articles in journals, but this time we have made exception to the rule generally observed, this is in order that our excellent brethren in America may understand that the Grand Orient of France, is not such as the author of the 'New York Times' has painted it.

Thanking you again for your Goodwill, I beg you to accept, Brother Kellett, my most fraternal sentiments.

The President of the Council of the Order,

E. CORNEAU.

The reply sent to the "New York Times" is as follows:—

Paris, April 12th, 1918.

To the Editor,
New York Times.

Mr. Editor:—

I have just read an article that appeared in your paper (issue February 24th, 1918) in which the Grand Orient of France is the object of some charges founded on untruth.

It is never our practice to reply to attacks of this sort. But by reason of the circumstances,—and being convinced also, that your good faith has been imposed upon,—I ask from you permission to refute the assertions of the author of this article.

Right on the start, understand that M. Caillaux has never been a Freemason, and that as a consequence, he has played no part in the Grand Orient of France.

On the other hand, M. Meline and Marshall Joffre both belong to the Grand Orient of France.

The author of the article speaks of our regulations just like someone who has never read them, because it would be very difficult for him to find from the declaration any principles similar to those which he attributes to us.

We are, says he, Atheists and Materialists. Well, here is what the first article of our Constitution says: 'Freemasonry has for its principals, mutual toleration, respect for others, and for oneself, absolute liberty of conscience.' To enable you to understand us better, I send you under this cover, the pamphlet, the Freemasonry of the Grand Orient of France.'

We, he says, further, are in the services of a political party. Nothing is more false. In the Grand Orient of France, all elements of Republican opinion are represented; Republicans, Democrats, Radicals, Republican Socialists, Independent Socialists and United Socialists, join together in our lodges for the purpose of working in common towards the emancipation of the human spirit, the independence of the people, and the social happiness of humanity.

But it is another allegation that has pained us still more, because it is monstrous, it is that which consists of representing us as not having fulfilled our duty towards our native land. I wish to reply to that simply by sending you two official documents, emanating from the Grand Orient of France, and which you will find enclosed; our circular of December 13th, 1914, and our Circular of December 9th, 1917. I have chosen them from two different dates sufficiently far apart to show you that our patriotic attitude has not varied in the course of this horrible war.

I am counting on your courtesy to publish this letter, which constitutes a reply to the charges made by the author of the article I have mentioned.

Be good enough to accept, Mr. Editor, the assurance of my most sincere consideration.

CORNEAU, President."

This information, I simply want to lay before you and leave you to decide. The only point I wish to discuss is a certain significance in this attack on French Masonry which appeared in the "New York Times" and which is but a sample of several others that have been published elsewhere. From just what source it emanated each can form his own conclusion.

In closing let me express my deep appreciation of the high honor you conferred on me. Nothing in life, can in my estimation be more honorable, and I shall always feel grateful to you for electing me to the high office of Grand Master of the Masons of Manitoba. I feel deeply indebted also to the many who by good counsel and assistance have helped me in carrying out the duties of the office. My limitations and my short-comings I hope you will look on with the kindly eye of Charity. Whatever my failings, I did the best I could. I feel indebted especially to M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas who gave me most valuable assistance and who was ever ready with his experienced and friendly counsel. I wish to mention also M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher, M.W. Bro. E. M. Walker, R.W. Bro. Alex. McIntyre, and R.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher who were likewise most kind and considerate in giving me aid when called on.

Fraternally submitted,

P. E. KELLETT, Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), the M.W. the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Letters were read from the following brethren expressing their regret at not being able to be present:—

M.W. Bro. George B. Murphy, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, Past Grand Master.
R.W. Robert T. Butchart, Past D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Benjamin B. Halladay, Past D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Malcolm C. McKinnon, D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Arthur S. Thompson, D.D. Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin, D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Albert H. Malcolmson, D.D. Grand Master.
W. Bro. Robert P. Anderson, Port Huron, Mich., U.S.A.
Bro. Edward C. Mulvey, New Barnet, England.

TELEGRAMS.

Ottumwa, Iowa, June 11th, 1918.

Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master,
Winnipeg, Man.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa in sending hearty good will and best wishes to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and to yourself, expresses the hope that the fraternal love which has so long existed between the brethren of our respective jurisdictions may continue until time shall be no more.

Fraternally yours
JOHN M. BARRY,
Grand Master

REPLY

John W. Barry, Grand Master,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba appreciates fraternal greetings and good wishes from Iowa and wishes to heartily reciprocate them. We feel that this year the friendship is closer than ever since our two countries are so closely allied in the fight for freedom and democracy. May this international alliance forcast the greater alliance of real international brotherhood to which we Masons ever look forward.

Yours fraternally,
PERCY E. KELLETT,
Grand Master

TELEGRAM.

Regina, Sask.
June 12th, 1918.

Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master
Winnipeg

The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M. sends fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in annual communication assembled. May your communication be one of the most profitable in its history.

Yours fraternally,
W. B. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

REPLY.

Winnipeg, June 13th, 1918.

Rev. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary,
Regina, Sask.

The Grand Secretary of Manitoba appreciates fraternal greetings from our daughter Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. May your twelfth annual Communication be one of the most profitable in its history.

Yours fraternally,
P. E. KELLETT,
Grand Master

PRESENTATION TO M.W. BRO. HENRY E. BLETCHER, PAST GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master on behalf of Grand Lodge presented M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain, collar and jewel, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

RECEPTION OF R.W. BRO. JOHN KERR BRYDON

The M.W. Grand Master introduced R.W. Bro. John Kerr Brydon, Past Grand Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) on this, the occasion of his first visit in Thirty-two years.

R.W. Bro. Brydon acknowledged the compliment paid him in fitting terms.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the First Masonic District.

The year just closed has been a notable one in this district, notable not less for the range of its Masonic activities than for a marked increase in the number of petitions for membership which the lodges are receiving.

My first official duty was to preside at a commemoration service held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg, on St. John's Day, Sunday, June 24th, 1917, to observe the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Lodge of England. This service was arranged by the Masters of the City lodges and the attendadce filled the Blue Room. Right Worshipful Bro. Rev. A. B. Baird delivered an eloquent and inspiring address.

On the 18th October, 1917, M.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Pinkham, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, visited Northern Light Lodge for the purpose of bringing fraternal greetings to the Masons of Manitoba on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the granting of a charter to Northern Light No. 68 by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota,—the lighting of the Masonic lamp in western Canada.

The occasion was of historical interest, and, Bro. Pinkham's visit falling at a time when the two nations had but recently allied themselves in the common purpose of securing justice and freedom for mankind, was doubly welcome and significant of the eternal bond of amity which we trust has now been forged between the two nations.

I have visited every lodge in the district at least once, some of them several times. On the occasion of each visit I have endeavored to bring to the attention of the members the value of the ideals preserved in our Masonic ritual and traditions and the place which Masonry ought to occupy in the national life. Everywhere I was received with cordiality and found the lodges active, aggressive, engaged in useful work, well officered by men of intelligence and purpose, and inspired by a zeal for service. It was an especial satisfaction to learn of the lively and affectionate interest everywhere taken in the welfare of the men overseas and of their families at home. Correspondence is maintained, comforts provided and every means taken to express our sense of obligation to our brethren in khaki.

At the request of the Bi-centenary committee, I presented the claims of the fund to several lodges. This appeal has not only been responded to generously but in its reaction upon the thought and interest of the brethren has stimulated the Masonic life of our lodges as a good purpose well fulfilled always must.

It has been my observation that the discussion of the recognition of the Grand Orient of France has led many brethren to delve into the history and principles of the craft as without such an incentive they would never have done. New soundings have been taken, new depths plumbed, new values established and the discoveries made have broadened the interest of the brethren and intensified their devotion to the craft.

Two conferences of the principal officers of the lodges in the district have been held for exchange of views on policies, methods and matters of general interest. These conferences brought the brethren together socially and have been of practical value.

The ritual work of the different degrees is uniformly rendered without precision and feeling. If any criticism is offered, it is that the articulation of many of the officers leaves much to be desired. It is hoped that voice culture is not becoming a lost art. All the proceedings and ritual and degree work of the lodges should be carried on by the officers in such a tone that every member of the lodge can distinctly appreciate the speaker's statement . This defect is so easily remedied that one can only wonder that it should be allowed to exist.

After a period of four or five years, marked by only a slight increase in the membership of the lodges, applications in large numbers are again being received. Men who are seeking the companionship of their fellow-men are knocking at the doors of our lodges. Our obligations to these men—many of them in the prime of life—cannot easily be measured. At least it is possible to recognize the menace of a conception that the lodge exists merely to manufacture Masons mechanically. A danger so observed may be averted.

Under your instructions, I had the pleasure on the 26th of April, 1918, of instituting Empire Lodge under dispensation, situated in that part of Winnipeg known as Weston. This lodge has been formed under happy auspices, and, guided by Very Worshipful Bro. W. R. Smith, who is the first Master of the lodge, will, I am sure, form a centre of usefulness to the community.

The year has not passed without bringing its burden of sorrow. M.W. Bro. G. W. Baker, Past Grand Master, has passed to the Great Beyond. Bro. Baker belonged not to a single lodge but to the craft at large. His memory will long be cherished by the Masons of Manitoba.

I desire to express my appreciation of the consideration shown me by the brethren during my year of office. My gratitude is particularly due to W. Bro. Horace Ormond, District Secretary, whose co-operation has been invaluable.

In acknowledging the honour done me by Grand Lodge last year, I would add that the performance of the duties of my office has been a pleasure and profit to me.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. CROSSIN, D.D.G.M.,
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Second Masonic District.

I visited officially every lodge in the district. I was heartily welcomed, and received many acts of kindness those "that have no slight or trivial influence on that best portion of a good man's life—his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

I find that many of the most active members have gone overseas. That fully forty per cent. of the membership is non-resident. That of the remainder too large a percentage are indifferent to their masonic duty, rarely or not at all, attending lodge.

A pleasing feature at present is the large number of candidates, who are undeniably good material.

Another noticeable feature is that some who have been indifferent for sometime, are again taking their old places, while the response to the "Aged and Indigent Mason's Fund" has not been a success from a monetary standpoint, yet it has been instrumental in arousing the spirit of Masonry, and showing very clearly, the mason who has the principles of the order at heart. Sacrifices have been made by many.

Above all, is the growth of the spirit of Masonry. There is a higher ideal, and a more practical carrying out of the principles of the order.

In most of the lodges, a great deal of the success is due to their splendid secretaries. I pay tribute to their faithful and conscientious work.

I wish also to pay tribute, to those splendid masons, who when their active associates responded to their country's call kept the "Home fires burning." It has been often very hard to get a quorum. Many an evening they have been wearied and discouraged, but courage returned with the dawn of a new day. They are now realizing the fruits of their labor. We owe them a debt of gratitude. It is due to their faithfulness, that masonry is active and flourishing today throughout the district.

I would suggest that the subordinate lodges appoint a committe of say three active members who would be in constant touch with the Grand Lodge Committee on "Masonic Research and Education."

That the plans and suggestions received be continually kept before the lodge by this committee, and not filed away to be forgotten, also that this information be accessible to any member at any time. This committee could also be of great assistance to the D.D.G.M. in carrying out his plans for the year.

There is work to be done amongst our seemingly indifferent members. Perhaps, too, we could keep in closer touch with our non-resident members. Probably the subordinate officers would take this responsibility, and see that there was some work for every member.

We must interest the individual member that he will take his place in that Democracy. (the development and training of self for the benefit of all), which is now taking place throughout the world, if we are to keep our beloved Canada, in the place she now occupies, through the valor and courage and unselfishness of our citizen army on the bettle fields of Europe. The greatest Democracy of the great Democracies of the world.

With full appreciation of the honor conferred in electing me D.D.G.M., I wish to thank Grand Lodge and the brethren of the Second Masonic District.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. J. SMITH, D.D.G.M.
Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District.

During the year it has been my privilege to visit the lodges in this District from one to three times each. I shall never forget the kindly manner in which I was received by the brethren of the different lodges. The atmosphere, on each and every occasion, seemed filled with that sweet and refreshing spirit of brotherly love which should at all times characterize Freemasons, and it is an earnest of the glorious future which awaits our noble institution.

On October 24th, I visited Crescent Lodge No. 103, Elm Creek. The weather was damp and gloomy, and the roads very heavy; but, notwithstanding these unfavorable conditions, a large percentage of the membership was present. I again visited this lodge on February 20th. On this occasion, the roads were almost impassable, and the cold intense. Yet we found, as on the former visit, a splendid attendance, some of the brethren having driven at least eight miles to attend the lodge. At both meetings degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner.

I regret to say that R.W. Bro. P. D. Alair, the efficient secretary of the lodge, has, for some time, been indisposed, but it is to be hoped that he will be speedily restored to his usual health and strength.

It was my privilege to visit Rathwell Lodge, No. 87, on three different occasions during the year. On one of these vsiits, I had the pleasure of seeing the First degree conferred. The work reflected credit on all the officers whose duty it was to take part.

Brotherly love and good cheer are always to be found within the precincts of Rathwell Lodge.

During the year I paid two visits to Holland Lodge, No. 63. This is my Mother Lodge, and to spend an evening here is an inspiration. It always calls up some pleasant and tender recollection.

On the occasion of one of these visits, I had the honor to assist in conferring the Third degree on a personal friend whom I have known from the days of his childhood, Bro. Louis W. Moore.

Holland is the largest in the District. It is in charge of capable officers.

I made only one visit to Cypress River Lodge, No. 82. This was on the evening of February 21st. The weather was extremely cold and the roads in bad condition; but, in spite of these drawbacks, a large number of the brethren were present. No degrees were conferred but the business of the lodge was conducted in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

This lodge is fortunate in having among its membership a number of very zealous and efficient Past Masters.

Quite recently the lodge suffered the loss of its capable secretary, W. Bro. Ryder, who was called to the Grand Lodge above where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever.

During the year I had the pleasure of twice visiting Glenboro Lodge, No. 48. The attendance on both occasions was rather small, but the spirit of the Lodge was excellent. No degrees were conferred at either of the meetings, but the opening and closing exercises and the business of the lodge were conducted in a very efficient manner.

I paid my official visit to my home lodge, Treherne, No. 51, on the evening of April the 26th. On this occasion, two degrees were conferred. The work was well done. The Principal officers of this lodge are young men but some of them are very enthusiastic.

The District meeting was held on the evening of November 6th, when we had the honor of having with us, M.W. Bro. P. E. Kellett, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary. Both of these brethren delivered instructive and inspiring addresses. Most of the lodges in the District were well represented.

On February 26, I had the privilege of attending a meeting of Grand Lodge officers held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg. At this meeting the Bi-centenary Fund was fully discussed. The committee in charge of this splendid undertaking endeavored by means of carefully prepared comparative statements to stimulate the different Districts to greater exertions on behalf of the fund.

Other matters of vital importance to the Craft were also considered. There is great reason to believe that the seeds sown at this meeting will, in the near future, produce an abundant and profitable harvest.

During my term of office, I have given considerable time and attention to the claims of the Bi-Centenary fund. And if any of the lodges in this district have failed to contribute their allotment, I do not wish it to be attributed to their lack of Masonic spirit or enthusiasm. I prefer to have it charged to my account as I may not possess the qualifications required to bring to a successful issue such an important undertaking. I think, however, that it should not be charged to my neglect or to my lack of appreciation of this most laudable enterprise. I feel that my brethren of the different lodges in the District are the most competent judges of my efforts in this behalf, and to them I leave the decision.

Finally, my brethren, I desire to most heartily thank you for the honor conferred on me in electing me D.D.G.M. of the

Third Masonic District, and to express my appreciation of the uniform kindness and consideration shown to me by the brethren of this District.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT J. MILLS, D.D.G.M.
Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Fourth Masonic District.

During the past year I have had the pleasure of visiting every lodge in the District on one or more occasions, and am pleased to report that fair progress is being made in all the lodges notwithstanding the present abnormal conditions, and that a true Masonic spirit prevails.

I was fortunate in seeing degrees conferred in most of the Lodges and in every case the work was exceedingly well done.

The work of the Secretaries of the Lodges has been good and the Grand Lodge returns promptly made except in the case of Doric No. 36 and it has proved impossible, either by correspondence or personal interviews, to induce this Secretary to make any returns or reports on the work of his lodge during the past year, However, this Lodge elect their officers in May and I understand an old and efficient secretary of the lodge is now available and will likely be elected to that office so we may look for a clean up of the arrears of secretarial work shortly. This Lodge has been further handicapped during the past year by not having a resident Master, their W. Master moving to Winnipeg shortly after his installation. Fortunately they have several very active Past Masters and so the work of the Lodge has not suffered to the extent it might have had they not been so fortunate in this respect.

I have been pleased to notice all through the District that the Past Masters are taking a more active interest in the Lodge work than formerly. This re-awakening of interest in the older members is to a great extent accounted for by the new Masonic responsibilities that have come to us owing to the war with the consequent widening scope of the Lodge work. Our meetings are no longer, as too often in the past, merely degree conferring essemblies. Other matters now claim our attention—there is work to be done and the older members are coming to the front again and giving their advice and assistance, and it is good to see it so.

The District meeting was held at Manitou on the 22nd of October 1917. Unfortunately a severe blizzard raged all that day and members from outside Manitou were unable to get in. The officers of Belmont Lodge were to have exemplified the Third Degree and addresses were promised by the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Greenway, and R.W. Bro. Cohoe, but it was impossible for these brethren to get here and the afternoon sesssion had to be abandoned much to our regret. At the evening session the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary delivered very interesting addresses, also R.W. Bro. Conner who with W. Bro. Hayden were the only brethren from a distance able to get here.

At all meetings I attended an earnest appeal was made on behalf of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund. The response so far has not fulfilled our expectations. Some of our Lodges have done well and others not so well, and it is possible the District will not have its allotment by the time the Grand Lodge meets. This is very much to be regretted and I trust Most Worshipful Sir that you will not form the opinion that this failure to secure the amount asked for in the alloted time is owing to any lack of the Masonic spirit, for I am convinced that it is not so, but due solely to local conditions in the District which were not favorable during the past year to a successful campaign. The District has suffered two crop failures in succession, it is largely peopled with men of moderate means, and with the many appeals being made on behalf of the various war funds and the great increase in the cost of living it is impossible for the majority of our members to give as largely as they would like to any of them.

Our large non-resident membership—difficult at all times to get satisfactory results from to any appeals of this nature, should also be considered when passing judgment upon what we have accomplished.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Brethren of the Fourth Masonic District for the honor conferred in electing me District Deputy Grand Master, and to express my appreciation of the kindly manner in which I have been received throughout the District on both my official and other visits.

Fraternally submitted,

H. BURKE, D.D.G.M.,
Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have great pleasure in submitting my report for the Fifth Masonic District.

During the past year I have visited each of the ten lodges of my Division at least once.

The District meeting was held at Minnedosa on October 9th, the attendance, considering the time of the year, being very good. The brethren had the very great pleasure of listening to instructive and inspiring addresses from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and from the Grand Secretary.

I had the pleasure of seeing the work in most of the lodges very creditably exemplified and I take this opportunity of testifying to its uniform character and to the general efficiency of the officers.

All the books with the one exception of the B. Book, I found well kept and in good order. I would suggest that the B. Book be kept properly or not at all.

Considering the awful times in which we are living, I am pleased to report that the prospects of the various lodges in this district are promising. I regret that I was not able to visit the lodges as often as I should have wished, but distances and time are often difficult conditions to overcome. In my judgment, the interests of Freemasonry in the Fifth Masonic District could be better served were the District made into two districts and the District Deputy Grand Masters invited by Grand Lodge to make two or three visits to each lodge during the year.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred upon me in electing me this D.D.G.M., and for the courtesy and hospitality which they extended to me on the occasions of my visits.

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN W. SMITH, D.D.G.M.
Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Sixth Masonic District.

I visited all the lodges once and found everything in good condition. All the lodges are active and the officers proficient in their work. Harmony prevails throughout the district.

The District meeting was held at Melita on April 2nd. I regret to say that on account of the busy time it was held, i was unable to be present. However I am given to understand that the brethren who attended, had a splendid meeting which was addressed by the M.W. Grand Master P. E. Kellett and the Grand Secretary J. A. Ovas.

Fraternally submitted,

M. C. McKINNON, D.D.G.M.
Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District for the past year.

I had, when I was honored with the position, intended commencing my official work early in the Fall, in fact I had called the District meeting for November 9,1917, but owing to the fact that your Worshipful Sir and I were both called to do Tribunal work, this meeting had to be postponed.

I was called out of the Province during the Winter so that my first official act was the District meeting at Elkhorn on April 4, 1918. Considering the season, the attendance was fair, although there were no representatives from either Lansdowne or Composite Lodges. I attempted to have this meeting take a different form from the average district meeting, so had an expert Craftsman, Bro. Somerset, prepare a short address which would lead to a discussion. This paper I think did cause the brethren to work more seriously as to the way we carry out the principles of Freemasonry.

The paper also gave an opening for Most Worshipful Bro. Ovas to give us one of the best talks it has been our pleasure to hear him give. The address on this occasion of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master was really a master-piece, and will long be remembered by those present. This was voted as one of the most beneficial meetings ever held in the District.

The several lodges were visited officially on the following dates:—

Tweed, April 16; Elkhorn, April 22;
Lansdown, April 24; Oak Lake, April 25;
Lebanon, May 7th; Brandon May 14;
and Composite, May 23rd.

With the exception of Lansdown these were all good meetings, the members being out in goodly numbers and apparently much interested. Lansdown was poorly attended and there appears to be a lack of interest and that Masonic Goodfellowship, which should characterize all lodges, and more especially in these times.

As to the condition of Masonry generally in our District, I would say that it is fair but would draw your attention to a few points. We have in the District assets exceeding Liabilities by $12,400.00 and Cash on hand over $4,000.00 and yet during the past year there was only $56.00 paid out for Relief or charitable purposes. I would not make special mention of this, were it not for the fact that, in view of the most excellent prosperity of the lodges, which would not be if the members were not so too—there were only two, perhaps three lodges in our district who reached their allotment in connection with the Bi-Centenary Fund. This looks to me as though we were only surface masons, forgetting that most important reason given as our object in seeking admission to the Masonic Fraternity. I do not wish to belittle the efforts of this district but feel it my duty to draw your attention to the tardiness of that truly Masonic spirit, sacrifice and service. I hope my feeble efforts will have a tendency to liven up this spirit and that my successor in office will be able to report so.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. THOMPSON, D.D.G.M.
Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Eighth Masonic District.

On October 24th I visited officially Patricia Lodge, No. 125, which is one of our very youngest lodges. Though the roads were bad and the weather disagreeable, I found a goodly attendance and a real interest taken in Masonry. This lodge has every prospect of having a bright future.

I visited Shiloh Lodge, No. 70 on the evening of October 25th. The attendance was small in number partially owing to the weather and to a Convention that was being held that evening which necessitated the attendance of a number of the brethren. However having a number of very capable members I have no doubt that this lodge will make a favorable showing.

On October the 30th, I visited Strathcona Lodge, No 117. There was a large attendance at this meeting. Though the Worshipful Master had removed yet the work was carried on and a truly Masonic spirit pervades the membership. Petitions were received and the Master Masons Degree conferred in a very impressive manner, so that this lodge is to be commended for the work it is accomplishing.

The District Meeting was held in Oakland Lodge, No. 9 on November 5th, at which was present the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Secretary. The meeting was well attended by members of Shiloh, Midlothian, Patricia and Oakland Lodges. Those present felt amply repaid by the inspiring addresses given by the M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. Oakland Lodge is one of the oldest lodges and should perhaps endeavor to make its work more effective.

On March 19th I visited Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67 and had a very enjoyable meeting. They had no work but this lodge is in the hands of capable brethren and I am sure that it will be as successful as in the past.

On March 20th I visited Swan Lake Lodge, No. 109. There was a good attendance, many of the members driving several miles to be present. The brethren take a great interest in their lodge, and their earnest efforts might well be imitated by some of our larger lodges.

On Monday May 20th I visited Midlothian Lodge, No. 90, being accompanied by a number of brethren from Oakland Lodge. This lodge has a comfortable home and the meetings are fairly well attended. The activity of the lodge as in others has been greatly interfered with by the war but those of its members who remain are active and as there was no work some very spirited discussion took place. This lodge would seem to be in a fairly good condition.

Concluding I wish to thank the brethren of the district for the honor I have received, for their kindly counsel and ready assistance. I sought to do right and I fully realize my shortcomings. The District, I feel is probably doing all we might expect during these abnormal times and I do not look for any great activity until after the war.

Fraternally submitted,

ALBERT H. MALCOLMSON, D.D.G.M.,
Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honour to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District for the past year.

It has been my privilege to visit, on one or more occasions, every lodge in the District with the exception of The Pas, No. 124, which very much to my regret I was unable to reach. I might say that in order to visit this Lodge it requires four days and five nights to complete the trip. I believe every District Deputy purposes to visit the various lodges as often as possible and such was my desire. I had the privilege of visiting each of the four lodges situated on the main line, on one or more occasions and in nearly every visit was accompanied by several of the brethren, which added much to the pleasure and profit of the evening.

On the occasion of my official visit to Vermillion Lodge, No. 68, Dauphin, the attendance was very small, only about twenty members being present. This is particularly disappointing, more especially so since this lodge represents over half of the membership of the ninth Masonic District. There appears to be a lack of interest in the work of the lodge which is to be regretted. Candidates are not sufficiently well prepared for advancement and greater care should be taken that they are familiar with the work of the previous degree before being advanced. The committee appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Bi-Centenary Fund appears to have been lax in the performance of its duties and in consequence the contributions to the fund from this lodge have been very disappointing.

Hiram Lodge No. 94, Grandview, was visited twice. The lodge has been dormant but is showing signs of developing into an active Masonic centre. The older brethren of the lodge could assist materially by endeavouring to make the meetings interesting and instructive for the younger members. The social side of Masonry and the goodfellowship resulting therefrom should not be neglected.

Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100, Gilbert Plains, has been dormant but I am glad to say it also is showing signs of renewed interest in the work. At my visit last December the officers expressed doubt as to their ability to get enough members to attend to enable them to hold a meeting, but I was very agreeably surprised by the attendance. The election of Officers at this meeting was followed by a general discussion which was of great benefit to all present. At my visit in May considerable improvement was noticed in the work of the Lodge and I am of the opinion that the good work of the officers will be the means of making this lodge one of the best in the District. Contributions to the Bi-Centenary Fund were disappointing.

A joint meeting of the Swan River and Minitonas Lodges was held at Minitonas when I made my official visit in May. The second degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner by the An examination of the books and records of Minitonas Lodge showed them to be in excellent order. The members of this Lodge are to be congratulated on their splendid Lodge room and also on the progress they have made during the past year. Swan River Lodge was well represented at this meeting and contributed in no small measure to its success. A subsequent discussion on matters of Masonic interest was both interesting and instructive and proved the inestimable value of inter-lodge visiting.

As Roblin Lodge No. 122 is my home Lodge I have had the pleasure of being present at most of its meetings. Degrees are conferred in a very impressive and creditable manner by its officers. The members of the Lodge take an active part in all discussions and show a keen desire for Masonic knowledge.

As already stated pressure of private business prevented me from paying an official visit to The Pas, No. 124. Reports received from the Secretary would seem to indicate that the lodge is in a very satisfactory condition and is making good progress.

In my visits to the different lodges I have noticed there is a lack of uniformity in the rendering of the work. The differences may be to some extent unimportant but perhaps some effort might be made to secure uniformity. Any step in this direction would be welcome to those of us who desire exactness in the work. I cannot too strongly impress on the different lodges in this district the great benefit to be derived from inter-lodge visiting, and I would strongly urge that every opportuitty be taken to pay visits to other lodges in the vicinity. Intercourse of this kind is a source of inspiration to all and tends to straighten the bonds of Masonic brotherhood.

Abnormal conditions due to the War, no doubt have had and are having a decided effect upon Society work, but in spite of this I am convinced that steady progress is being made in this District.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for the honour they did me in electing me District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District and for the courteous way they have received me on my official visits, and I can assure you it has been a great pleasure and profit to me to have had this honour.

Fraternally submitted,

CLIFTON H. BURNS, D.D.G.M.,
Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Tenth Masonic District and to express my appreciation of the manner in which the various lodges received my visits.

Stonewall Lodge, No. 12, was visited on September 25th, where we had the pleasure of the company of the M.W. The Grand Master and a number of other Winnipeg brethren. There was a large attendance and an interesting meeting was held, not the least interesting feature of which was the presentation of Past Masters' Jewels to Eleven Past Masters of this Lodge; we also had the pleasure of listening to a splendid address by the M.W. The Grand Master, on the Bi-Centenary Appeal to Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund. I consider this one of the most progressive lodges in the District, being well officered, with a good average attendance, and in a splendid financial position. After the close of the Lodge, adjournment was made to the Municipal Hall where a pleasant time was spent around the festive board.

East Star Lodge, No. 55, Gretna, was visited November 26th. This lodge, though not large, is making satisfactory progress, the books being exceptionally well kept.

Emerson Lodge, No. 6, was visited February 21st. This is the oldest lodge in the District but is at somewhat of a disadvantage, being situated on the international boundary and the surrounding population being largely foreign. They have also suffered considerably of late by the removal of a number of members from the district. However, I am pleased to report that this lodge is now enjoying a revival such as it has not known in number of years and I look for Emerson Lodge to give a good account of itself in the future.

Ophir Lodge, No. 112, Beausejour, was visited March 15th, a special meeting being held on that date. This lodge, though small in number of members, is in reality one of the best in the District, being a live active lodge, as their contribution to the Bi-Centenary appeal shows. A large amount of the credit for the condition of this lodge must be given to V.W. Bro. John Watson, who is a Mason in every sense of the word.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 8, was visited March 26th. There was a large attendance and the first and third degrees were conferred by the W.M., assisted by a number of Past Masters, the work being exceptionally well done.

Penza Lodge, No. 129, Dominion City, the youngest lodge in the District, was visited April 24th. This lodge has made remarkable growth and is now in a very active condition, all of the officers being proficient in their work, and I was particularly struck by the splendid class of members being admitted to this lodge.

The annual district meeting was held at Dominion City on October 25th, the M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ovas, Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. McIntyre, Grand S.W., were present, each delivered addresses and replied to questions that were brought before the meeting. Although the roads were in bad condition there was a good attendance from the different lodges.

Finally, brethren, I wish to thank you for the very great honor conferred on me in electing me D.D.G.M. of the Tenth Masonic District and express my appreciation for the kindness shown me by the brethren of this District.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN McDOUGALL, D.D.G.M.,
Tenth Masonic District.

On motion of R.W. Bro. William Conner (13), seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock p.m. until 2.30 o'clock p.m.

First Day = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 12th, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

R..W Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell, Grand Chaplain was introduced by the M.W. the Grand Master and delivered the following address:—

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LODGES

The great world problem of today is leadership. In government and commerce, in war and education, in all our institutions, national, fraternal and religious the one great issue is that of leadership. Speaking of the war we immediately think of the great world crisis, but there are other problems almost as great growing out of this one and the cry is one, leadership.

These institutions of the nations are in the melting pot and we trust the influences will be refining rather than destructive, but this also will depend upon the leadership of the immediate future and its attitude towards the problems looming up in the dawning of life's new day now breaking in upon us. Reasons good enough for our present existence will not suffice for that day, neither will the old arguments, "leave well enough alone". "masonry is a fixed science and therefore does not lend itself to progress" make matters more easy for us. Our ceremonies, our forms and our traditions may be unexcelled but these will not proclaim to the world an adequate explanation for our existence. Hence the keynote running throughout this entire address will be a plea for a wise and efficient leadership among the lodges.

LEADERSHIP AND PERSONALITY

How to become worth while in the world, to achieve the great ideals set before us, to serve in our sphere as masons, in one word, how to succeed in life is the ever insistent question with us. In the business world, in the church and in the lodges the difference between failure and success is leadership.

You cannot spell the word success without the letter "U"—and you cannot achieve success in any branch of life without emphasizing the personal pronoun "YOU"—that is yourself all of which implies the problem of personality. Furthermore the difference between those who succeed and those who do not lies very largely in the fact that one thinks he can while the other thinks he cannot. One learns by the process of doing, the other refuses thinking that all the doing is for the more gifted of the lodges and while it is true he loses much of the care and struggle involved in the doing, he also loses by this process of evasion the very thing by which masonic character and personality are built up, as well as that finer type of leadership which is not born but made.

The value of such leadership is well known to every student of world movements. With this very thought in view the Duke of Wellington once remarked that Napoleon's personality, the presence of his leadership on the field of battle was at least equal to forty thousand soldiers, possessing in a marvellous degree that indefinable something in the realm of personality which men are willing to follow and in many cases suffer and die for the cause thus held out before them, all of which implies a knowledge of men with that art of persuasion, love and devotion which men are willing to follow right to the end, suggesting thought and action, the cornerstones of personality.

With a series of flaming ideals before him Paul that man of mighty personality said, "Think on these things," and with life's unfolding possibilities opening up before him exclaimed, "This one thing I do." Do you wonder then that this man played such a part in the world-wide leadership of the ages. Paul was a student of concentration as well as of thought and action. So must we if leaders we would be. He cultivated the positive virtues of life rather than the negative, so must we if leaders we would be. He dared to deal with the problems of his day, the pressing issues of his time, so must we if leaders we would be. Petty issues must be dealt with, but they should not occupy our time unduly crowding out the larger and more important problems of the day. By being thus true to this larger outlook upon the trend big events today the lodge itself may take on some distinct form of personality standing four square for some definite form of action, mastering certain phases of our work in such a way as to become efficient leaders in that particular line of action and thus solve this problem of the leadership of the lodges.

LEADERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY

But this leadership of the lodges implies responsibility as well as personality, in fact the two must go together, failure to recognize this connection will not only marr one's sense of personality, but will keep the standard of achievement down. Too many members expect the more important things of the order to be done by the usual few, consequently far too many masons fail to discover themselves, failing often for the simple reason that they will not accept the smallest responsibility, forgetting that leaders are never made except by action and responsibility, by following the gleam, the voice within telling us that in leadership we are simply becoming the men we ought to be, the men we really want to be with all of life developed for the task, or the problem waiting for solution.

This may mean beginning with the lowest and most menial task of the lodges, a willingness to begin at the very bottom of the ladder, the doing of the hardest work that is for us at that particular time. But let us not forget that it is just as true as ever that he that humbleth himself shall be exalted and he who stoops to lend a helping hand even in the lower ranks shall add another jewel to his crown ever rising and increasing with the gifts of leadership and immortality upon his brow. In view of this is it not a little strange that so many shrink from accepting responsibility. Why this evasion? Years ago one man in a thousand dared to look responsibility in the face and he became a tribal leader or a king among the many of his day, and it is quite within the realm of the possible that many among us today are losing a kingdom and a crown because they shrink unnecessarily from their God-given responsibility, standing off while their lodges wait and suffer for the very thing already latent in their lives, the very thing that would make them leaders of men.

The time has come for us, all of us as never before to unfold in us this sense of responsibility, and become like those "who grappled with their evil star and made by force their merit known," with power to take the initiative, courting neither fear nor failure, for masonry is a brotherhood, every member of the lodge is pledged to uphold you in every legitimate undertaking, then every mason is your big brother, in view of which you can afford to risk yourself along some line of action and thus accept the responsibility imposed upon you for only thus will you ultimately find your place among the immortals of our beloved order. Brethren pardon me if I remind you again that it is an awful temptation to let things slip "just this once"—to travel the highway of least resistance "just this once"—to let somebody else do this important thing, assume this particular responsibility "just this once"—the slow but sure unmaking of us, spoiling all the possibility of that finer type of leadership for which our lodges now are pining. Remember action alone will deepen the soul's sense of responsibility, practice in the region of some well defined task of the lodges, facing the issue squarely winning our way through practice and difficulty to the very finest efficiency.

LEADERSHIP AND SACRIFICE.

Suffering and sacrifice are terms now so common in our life and on our lips that we are in danger of losing much of their real significance, but common as they may be they are still the price we have to pay for leadership. The measure and influence of leadership lie as a rule very close to a man's power to bear up under some heavy burden of life calling for heroic self-sacrifice so that all men may possess the elements of leadership more or less if they are willing to pay the price. The burning tallow costs the candle, the glowing lamp costs the oil, the incandescent light costs the energy at the power house, just as each golden sheaf, each orange bough, each purple cluster cost the sun its countless tons of carbon-leadership costs Calvary. Of course there is compensation, for the more you give the more you shall have not only for your self, but for others while by this process of giving out you are increasing the values of your own personality and its leadership among the lodges. But the law works the other way. Give little and you will get but little in return, for unto him that hath shall be given and unto him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.Leadership and sacrifice then go together. It simply means that there will be many things in life lost to us, in the attainment of the higher we shall lose the pleasures of the lower, in fact, there will be times when a man must forget that he has a body and pay the price of neglect that his cause may be won. To gain his vision of the hills of Paradise John Milton lost his vision of earth's rapturous sights and scenes. It has been said that few great men who were poor seldom lived beyond the forty mark which may explain the early death of Raphael, Burns, Keats and Shelly. "The angels of martyrdom and victory," says Mazzini, "are brothers; both extend protecting wings over the cradle of the future life", while Jesus said if a man would find his life he must lose it.

In the leadership of the lodges there must be sacrifice. The lamp of truth, masonic truth will only shine in those whose inner life is attuned to truth, sacrifical truth will not only carry in their face the passports of an ambassador but the undisputed elements of leadership among his brethren. But you cannot get this kind of truth without sacrifice. A great character is one of the finest achievements of life, but you cannot get such a character without sacrifice. Soul growth is an asset beyond which there is nothing finer in this life or the next, but you cannot get soul growth without the anguish of sacrifice. Character, soul growth, culture of heart and mind are indispensable to leadership, they are the things that count most here so that true leadership is impossible without self-sacrifice, thus personality, responsibility, sacrifice become the three great pillars in the temple of masonic leadership. Brethren are we willing to pay the price?

Let me add another word in closing. In leadership we must watch for the great strategic moments of life, the moods of life, the inspired moments of life, the hour of golden opportunity. When the metal is molten, when the clay is plastic, when the hour strikes, then genius and leadership rise to the occasion for when the metal ceases to flow and the clay hardens and the hour has struck the opportunity is lost. Under the stress of one such moment even the genius of Napoleon failed him. At Waterloo one of his great generals urged a movement in a certain direction, but the great military leader was heard to say, "Too late, too late the critical hour is past. The war has left us a legacy of great words and one of these is the word "preparedness." Every step in masonry is a process of preparation for the next and succeeding step. If our leadership is to be effective, let us be ready to strike while the iron is hot, ready with our designs while the metal flows, ready to mould and build while the clay is plastic. Let us know when to make the most of men and lead them to those tasks which will make life and masonry worth while.

Then we must have faith—unbounded faith in the Brotherhood for there can be no effective leadership where lack of faith and distrust dwell in the hearts of men. Among our common brothers if we trust and observe a little more we will find all the leaders that we need. Creative intellect and the elements of leadership grow in an atmosphere of trust and brotherhood exercised among the common people. From their ranks the world's great leaders have ever risen, from Moses to Lincoln and from Lincoln to Lloyd George. Likewise the great poets from David the sweet singer of Israel to Robby Burns the immortal bard of ploughman fame. So we might speak of the great inventors from Watt and Stephenson up to Edison, of the great artists, the great musicians, the great painters, the great architects, leaders all who have risen from the ranks of the common people, our common brothers in the march of progress struggling on and up to the great ideals of life.

Let us catch the spirit of the trenches under the spell and inspiration of the one great Allied leader. In this glorious land of ours reaching out for right and truth and freedom let us look for guidance to the Greatest of all leaders, the Great-God-man of Galilee. On a wayside cross in Flanders' Fields where our heroic dead repose "between the crosses row by row" this Leader's hands and feet and side have been mutulated by shot and shell suggestive of the suffering and treatment they received in other days, but the face still strong and beautiful untouched by the ravages of war looks out into the future as if leading the forces of the allied cause to victory. That divine face with a form of mystic beauty all its own still leads the way. Its leadership and inspiration may be ours. Brethren let us follow our Great Leader and we will go far in solving this problem of our beloved order—The Leadership of the Lodges.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The representatives of sister Grand Lodges, as reported present on Page 527, were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. the Grand Master, who spoke as follows:—

Brethren:—As representatives of our sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, we extend to you a hearty welcome and ask that you convey to the Grand Lodges which you have the honor to represent our friendly and fraternal greetings.

M.W. Bro. John W. Harris made a suitable response on behalf of the Grand Representatives.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit my report for the past fiscal year showing the receipts and disbursements and the standing of the several accounts as at the 31st March, 1918, all of which have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditors.

The Committees on the "Investment Account," "Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund" and "Benevolent Fund" will report fully regarding the several funds under their supervision.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES G. DAGG,
Grand Treasurer.

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Receipts and Disbursements as at March 31st., 1918.

Receipts

1917	
April 1.—To Balance	$ 2,838.03
Deposited by Grand Secretary	9,724.38
	$12,562.41

Disbursements.

From April 1st., 1917 to March 31st., 1918.

No.	In whose favor drawn	Amount
1748	Clark Bros. & Co., Ltd., Stationery	$ 3.80
1749	The Rosery, Expense	15.75
1750	The William McLellan, Printers, Stock	12.75
1751	Alex Little, Expense	3.50
1752	Masonic Temple Association, Rent	100.00
1753	E. M. Walker, Expense	60.00
1754	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stock	4.50
1755	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Stock	63.00
1756	Masonic Relief Association, Expense	38.00
1757	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery and Expenses	16.00
1758	R. L. Gunn, Stock	150.90
1759	The William McLellan, Printers, Stock	56.75
1760	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	47.30
1761	Aged and I. Mason's Fund, Transfer Taxes	250.00
1762	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00
1763	James G. Dagg, Grand Treasurer, Salary	50.00
1764	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00
1765	Benevolent Fund Account, Interest	915.39
1766	Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund, Taxes Repaid	230.78
1767	Henry E. Bletcher, Special Grant	200.00
1768	Thomas J. Smith, Special Grant	20.00
1769	Alex. Little, Special Grant and Expense	18.00
1770	W. J. Clubb, Expense	27.00
1771	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Stock, Stationery	36.75
1772	The William McLellan, Printers, Expense	3.75
1773	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stock	4.50
1774	Lowe-Martin Co., Ltd., Expense	17.45
		$3,095.87

No.	In whose favor drawn	Amount
	Amount brought forward	$3,095.87
1775	H. E. Miller, Insurance	27.00
1776	Masonic Temple Association, Rent	100.00
1777	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Telegrams, Postage	36.90
1778	D. R. Dingwall Ltd., Special Grant	55.00
1779	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Printing Proceedings, Stock	518.75
1780	——Guarantee Co., of North America, Bond	11.25
1781	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery, Expense	19.50
1782	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00
1782	The William McLellan, Printers, Stock	5.25
1784	Alex Little, Expense	2.00
1785	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00
1786	Aged and I. Mason's Fund, Dues	620.16
1787	Benevolent Fund, Interest	236.00
1788	International Bureau of Masonic Affairs	50.00
1789	Masonic Relief Association, Expense	37.00
1790	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Expense, Postage	91.55
1791	The Rosery, Expense	12.00
1792	Alex Little, Expense	11.50
1793	Masonic Temple Association, Rent	100.00
1794	The William McLellan, Printers, Stock, Expense	44.75
1795	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stock	2.50
1796	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage Expense	67.50
1797	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00
1798	Clark Bros., & Co., Ltd., Stationery	32.07
1799	H. E. Miller, Insurance	12.50
1800	United Typewriter Co., Typewriter	121.50
1801	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00
1802	The William McLellan Printers, Stock, Expense	18.50
1803	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery, Expense	23.00
1804	Aged and I. Masons' Fund, Transfer, Dues	201.49
1805	Benevolent Account, Interest	421.25
1806	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage, Expense	47.25
1807	Masonic Temple Association, Rent	100.00
1808	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Expense	35.00
1809	T. W. Taylor Co., Ltd., Stock	4.50
1810	Benevolent Fund, Transfer Interest	926.84
1811	Aged and I. Mason's Fund, Repaid on Taxes and Dues	558.88
1812	Alex Little, Expense	9.00
		$9,156.26

No.	In whose favor drawn	Amount
	Amount brought forward	$9,156.26
1813	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Salary	600.00
1814	Bulman Bros., Ltd., Stationery, Expense	23.50
1815	Clark Bros., Ltd., Stationery, Stock	24.40
1816	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Office Assistance	150.00
1817	The William McLellan Printers, Stock	6.00
1818	James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, Postage and Expense	57.90
1819	Aged and I. Mason's Fund Taxes Repaid and Dues	721.32
1820	Benevolent Fund, Interest	21.45
		$10,760.83
	Bank Balance	1,801.58
		$12,562.41

AGED AND INDIGENT MASONS' FUND

Debit.

1917			
April 1st	To Balance		$2,787.00
	Bank Interest	$94.25	
	Repayments on Taxes	960.95	
	Repayments on Loans	1,300.00	
	Dues	1,621.68	
	Donations	53.64	
	Bi-Centenary Fund	33,783.07	
			$37,813.59
			$40,600.59

Credit.

By Repairs on 379 Queen St..	$57.00	
Attorney's Fees	5.00	
Insurance Paid	64.00	
Taxes Paid	604.74	
Victory Bonds	29,732.40	
Balance	10,137.45	
		$40,600.59

1918.
April 1st. To Balance $10,137.45

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

1917. Debit.

April 1st.	To Balance		$34,805.00
	Donations	$ 3,574.50	
	Victory Bonds	30,700.00	
			34,274.50
			$69,079.50

Credit.

By Repayments on Loans	$ 1.300.00	
Balance	67,779.50	
		$69,079.50

1918

April 1st. To Balance $67.779.50

JAMES G. DAGG,
Grand Treasurer.

Certified correct,

Adam Armstrong C.A.,
Auditor.

BENEVOLENT FUND

1917	Debit.		
April 1	—To Balance		$4,385.64
	Bank Interest	$ 120.95	
	Interest on Loans	2,520.93	
	Donations	755.50	
			3,397.38
			$7,783.02
1917	Credit.		
April 28	—By Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina	$ 50.00	
April 28	—John A. O.	20.00	
May 8	—Expense	2.00	
May 8	—John A. O.	20.00	
June 28	—John A. O.	20.00	
June 28	—S. C. D.	100.25	
July 3	—Expense	3.75	
July 13	—Red Cross French Fund	500.00	
Sept. 7	—John A. O.	60.00	
Sept. 17	—J. W. D.	25.00	
Sept. 17	—J. W. D.	25.00	
Oct. 3	—J. W. D.	25.00	
Oct. 11	—John A. O.	20.00	
Oct. 11	—Mrs. P. J.	25.00	
Oct. 11	—Canadian Field Comforts	100.00	
Oct. 18	—Manitoba Red Cross	500.00	
Nov. 1	—John A. O.	20.00	
Dec. 1	—Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
Dec. 1	—John A. O.	20.00	
Dec. 10	—Halifax Sufferers	501.25	
Jan. 2	—John A. O.	20.00	
Jan. 2	—Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
Feb. 1	—John A. O.	20.00	
Feb. 1	—Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
Feb. 15	—E. M.	25.00	
Feb. 27	—Manitoba Serbian Relief	250.00	
Feb. 27	—Polish Relief	250.00	
Feb. 27	—Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina	50.00	
March 1	—E. M.	25.00	
March 1	—Mrs. K. L.	25.00	
March 19	—Mrs. V. A.	20.15	
March 19	—Mrs. John A. O.	40.00	
1918			$2,822.40
March 31	—Balance		4,960.62
			$7,783.02
1918			
March 31	—Balance	4,960.62	

Certified Correct,
Adam Armstrong C.A.,
Auditor.

GEORGE N. JACKSON,
Chairman
WILLIAM J. MAJOR,
Secy.-Treasurer.

BI-CENTENARY FUND

Statement of Contributions received to March 31st, 1918.

No.	Lodge	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	$3,179.45
2.	Lisgar	583.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	2,055.00
4.	St. John's	4,083.00
6.	Emerson	280.00
7.	Assiniboine	322.00
8.	King Solomon	296.00
9.	Oakland	200.00
10.	Northern Light	2,256.70
11.	Gladstone	142.00
12.	Stonewall	550.00
13.	Belmont	283.00
14.	Prince of Wales	571.00
15.	Corinthian	347.00
19.	Brandon	773.00
24.	Neepawa	490.50
25.	Ionic	2,312.25
27.	Glenwood	414.50
30.	Manitou	207.00
39.	Birtle	200.00
40.	Deloraine	407.00
43.	Lebanon	100.00
44.	Oak Lake	370.00
48.	Glenboro	129.00
49.	Temple	293.00
50.	Killarney	160.00
52.	Hartney	297.00
54.	Oriental	112.50
55.	East Star	361.00
62.	Russell	480.00
63.	Holland	152.00
64.	Composite	280.00
68.	Vermillion	50.00
70.	Shiloh	48.00
71.	Crystal	285.00
74.	Elkhorn	348.00
75.	Gothic	122.00
82.	Cypress	245.00
84.	Hamiota	445.00
86.	Elgin	260.50
87.	Rathwell	51.00
92.	Shoal Lake	440.00
93.	King Edward	1,167.47
100.	Robbie Burns	80.00
101.	Binscarth	176.00
102.	Miniota	130.00
103.	Crescent	205.00
104.	Reston	435.00
105.	Prince Arthur	150.00
106.	Strathclair	240.00
107.	Lansdowne	155.00
109.	Swan Lake	62.50
110.	Kilwinning	240.00
111.	Acacia	504.00
112.	Ophir	345.00
113.	Tweed	588.00
114.	"The Assiniboine"	3,014.15
115.	Rivers	237.25
116.	St. Andrew's	217.00
117.	Strathcona	148.00
118.	Mound	150.00
119.	Norwood	445.50
120.	Penza	206.00
121.	St. James	466.00
122.	Roblin	177.00
123.	Transcona	273.00
124.	The Pas	120.00
125.	Patricia	150.00
U.D.	Favel	162.00
		$35,225.27

CURRENT ACCOUNT

Moneys received between April 1st, 1917, and March 31st, 1918.

No.	Lodge	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert's	$252.65
2.	Lisgar	141.28
3.	Ancient Landmark	238.20
4.	St. John's	276.35
6.	Emerson	53.63
7.	Assiniboine	146.65
8.	King Solomon	102.30
9.	Oakland	63.13
10.	Northern Light	267.13
11.	Gladstone	58.80
12.	Stonewall	112.40
13.	Belmont	54.25
14.	Prince of Wales	122.10
19.	Brandon	204.17
24.	Neepawa	106.90
25.	Ionic	337.13
27.	Glenwood	88.38
29.	Carberry	76.60
30.	Manitou	60.75
36.	Doric	42.25
39.	Birtle	58.00
40.	Deloraine	119.95
43.	Lebanon	106.00
44.	Oak Lake	53.55
48.	Glenboro	32.50
49.	Temple	65.12
50.	Killarney	27.65
51.	Treherne	45.00
52.	Hartney	53.25
54.	Oriental	60.05
55.	East Star	42.98
62.	Russell	88.00
63.	Holland	69.15
64.	Composite	85.53
67.	Wawanesa	37.63
68.	Vermillion	23.50
70.	Shiloh	19.63
71.	Crystal	54.20
74.	Elkhorn	92.75
75.	Gothic	42.37
77	Napinka	38.90
82.	Cypress	46.76
84.	Hamiota	64.74
86.	Elgin	48.30
87.	Rathwell	12.75
90.	Midlothian	90.50
92.	Shoal Lake	91.15
93.	King Edward	272.38
94.	Hiram	34.50
99.	Lauder	33.40
100.	Robbie Burns	49.40
101.	Binscarth	67.05
102.	Miniota	36.51
103.	Crescent	43.15
104.	Reston	107.48
105.	Prince Arthur	48.33
106.	Strathclair	35.50
107.	Lansdowne	37.25
108.	Union	46.90
110.	Kilwinning	23.62
111.	Acacia	154.20
112.	Ophir	41.65
113.	Tweed	128.40
114.	"The Assiniboine"	344.40
115.	Rivers	64.90
116.	St. Andrews	31.60
117.	Strathcona	56.18
118.	Mound	80.22
119.	Norwood	138.93
120.	Penza	66.55
121.	St. James	108.09
122.	Roblin	33.90
123.	Transcona	97.13
124.	The Pas	19.74
125.	Patricia	85.23
	U.D. Favel	46.15
	Interest	2,305.73
	Taxes	710.95
		$9,724.38

LOSS AND GAIN

Gain.

Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund	$ 1,621.68	
Bi-Centenary Fund	34,483.07	
Dispensations	166.00	
Donations	4,383.64	
Dues	3,245.75	
Initiations	676.00	
Interest	2,520.93	
Life Members Certificates	27.00	
Life Members Fees	140.00	
Master Mason's Certificates	591.28	
Past Master's Certificates	49.96	
Stock	36.62	
		$47,941.93

Loss.

Benevolent Fund Grants	$ 617.40	
Expense	558.75	
Fixtures	31.90	
Insurance	39.50	
Postage	224.00	
Printing	537.50	
Regalia	32.90	
Rent	400.00	
Salaries	3,050.00	
Stationery	110.87	
Special Grants	335.00	
Grand Lodge	42,004.11	
		$47,941.93

BALANCE SHEET

No.	Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit
1.	Prince Rupert's	$ 256.65	
3.	Ancient Landmark	1.80	
7.	Assiniboine	1.50	
10.	Northern Light	4.40	
11.	Gladstone	2.45	
13.	Belmont	1.00	
15.	Corinthian	.20	
25.	Ionic	15.20	
27.	Glenwood	5.00	
29.	Carberry	.20	
30.	Manitou	.75	
36.	Doric	36.50	
39.	Birtle	3.00	
40.	Deloraine	2.25	
50.	Killarney	2.65	
52.	Hartney	2.40	
67.	Wawanesa	4.75	
68.	Vermillion	13.95	
70.	Shiloh	4.50	
71.	Crystal	1.50	
74.	Elkhorn	4.00	
77.	Napinka	1.00	
82.	Cypress	1.00	
87.	Rathwell	1.75	
92.	Shoal Lake	.75	
93.	King Edward	5.00	
94.	Hiram	10.00	
103.	Crescent		$ 2.00
104.	Reston	1.70	
105.	Prince Arthur	1.50	
106.	Strathclair	4.50	
107.	Lansdowne	1.50	
108.	Mound	1.00	
109.	Swan Lake	.95	
110.	Kilwinning	1.95	
111.	Acacia	1.95	
112.	Ophir		4.30
114.	"The Assiniboine"	3.85	
116.	St. Andrews	.75	
121.	St. James	11.80	
122.	Roblin	4.15	
		$419.75	$6.30

No. Name of Lodge	Debit	Credit
Amount brought forward	$ 419.75	$ 6.30
123. Transcona	2.50	
125. Patricia	12.35	
Charters	42.30	
Fixtures	604.00	
Library	2,383.68	
M.M. Certificates	10.40	
Regalia	624.20	
Stock	491.15	
War Relief Fund		408.63
Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund	10.137.45	
Benevolent Fund	4,960.62	
Current Account	1,801.58	
Investment Account	67,779.50	
Taxes and Insurance	988.73	
Grand Lodge of Manitoba		89,843.28
	$90,258.21	$90,258.21

Certified Correct,
Adam Armstrong C.A.,
Auditor.

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12), the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to present my Annual Report, containing an account of all moneys received by me and deposited by me to the several accounts in the Canadian Bank of Commerce during the year ending March 31st., 1918 a detailed statement of the expenditures made, cash receipts, loss and gain, and balance sheet; a synopsis of the returns of the several Lodges to December 27th., 1917, together with, by instruction of the M.W. the Grand Master, a record of the By-laws and amendments thereto approved, dispensations issued, Grand Representatives appointed and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master emanating from this office and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

Seven hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with Clause 12, Section 58 of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

NEW LODGES.

By direction of the M.W. the Grand Master, a dispensation was issued for the formation of the following new lodge:—

Empire Lodge at the City of Winnipeg, Man., in the First Masonic District. Thirteen Charter Members. Dispensation issued April 11th., 1918, V.W. Brother William R. Smith, Worshipful Master, Brother George F. Chadburn, Senior Warden, Brother Thomas Field, Junior Warden. Instituted April 26th., by R. W. Brother Albert L. Crossin, District Deputy Grand Master.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved amendments to the By-Laws of the following Lodges:—

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1, St. John's Lodge No. 4, Northern Light Lodge No. 10, Corinthian Lodge No. 15, Gothic Lodge

No. 75, Miniota Lodge No. 102, Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105, Rivers Lodge No. 115, St. James Lodge No. 121, Roblin Lodge No. 122 and U.D. Favel Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. William R. Allen to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Lodge of Quebec, vice Will H. Whyte.

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. Bert K. Hawkins to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Lodge of Texas, vice Charles F. Neill.

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. Charles F. Driver to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Lodge of Queensland, vice J. Major Symons.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THIS GRAND LODGE.

During the past year nominations for Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge have been made as follows:—

W. Bro. William R. McConnell, for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

V.W. Bro. William J. Major, for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang, for the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

R.W. Bro. Rowland H. Brotherhood, for the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

V.W. Bro. John Watson, for the Grand Lodge of Western Australia.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master:—

TO ACT ON APPLICATION OF CANDIDATE RE PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Date	Lodge	No.
1917		
Aug. 30	Doric	36
Sep. 4	St. John's	4
Nov. 9	Assiniboine	7
Feb. 11	Ionic	25

TO ACT ON APPLICATION OF CANDIDATE RESIDING OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE LODGE

Date		Lodge	No.
1918			
Feb.	27	Shoal Lake	92
Apr.	13	Hartney	52

TO ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE.

Date		Lodge	No.
1917			
Jun.	15	Composite	64
Jun.	15	Transcona	123
Jun.	15	Crescent	103
Jun.	15	Oakland	9
Jun.	15	King Solomon	8
Jun.	15	Hamiota	84
Jun.	15	Miniota	102
Jun.	15	Cypress	82
Jun.	18	Neepawa	24
Jun.	18	St. James	121
Jun.	22	Doric	36
Jun.	25	Rathwell	87
Jun.	28	Rivers	115
Jul.	5	Carberry	29
Aug.	2	Stonewall	12
Aug.	14	Elkhorn	74
Aug.	22	Reston	104
Oct.	22	Lebanon	43
1918			
Mar.	1	Union	108
Apr.	1	Lisgar	2
May	17	Norwood	119
May	25	Midlothian	90
May	30	Stonewall	12
Jun.	7	Doric	36

To give Masonic burial to an Entered Apprentice.

Date		Lodge	No.
1917			
Jun.	29	St. John's	4

TO ELECT AND INSTALL

Date		Lodge	No.
1917			
Jun.	15	Lebanon	43
Jun.	15	Union	108
Jun.	20	Killarney	50
Jun.	21	Doric	36

Date	Lodge	No.
1917		
Nov. 9	Stonewall	12
Nov. 15	Oakland	9
Nov. 20	Birtle	39
Nov. 23	Kilwinning	110
Nov. 23	Ionic	25
Nov. 23	Norwood	119
Nov. 23	St. James	121
Nov. 23	Patricia	125
Nov. 23	Oriental	54
Nov. 23	Shoal Lake	92
Nov. 27	King Edward	93
Nov. 27	Glenwood	27
Dec. 3	Midlothian	90
Dec. 3	Reston	104
Dec. 3	Prince Rupert's	1
Dec. 3	St. John's	4
Dec. 3	"The Assiniboine"	114
Dec. 6	Carberry	29
Dec. 6	Binscarth	101
Dec. 6	Ancient Landmark	3
Dec. 12	Roblin	122
Dec. 12	Acacia	111
Dec. 12	East Star	55
Dec. 12	Northern Light	10
1918		
Jan. 16	Shiloh	70
Feb. 15	Hiram	94
Mar. 6	Treherne	51
Mar. 12	Neepawa	24

TO CONFER DEGREES WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIME.

Date	Lodge	No.
1917		
Aug. 3	Lisgar	2
Aug. 30	Doric	36
Oct. 11	Deloraine	40
Oct. 20	Doric	36
Dec. 2	Acacia	111
1918		
May 2	Composite	64
May 4	The Pas	124
May 8	Doric	36
May 10	Northern Light	10
May 23	Prince Arthur	105
May 24	The Pas	124
May 25	Ancient Landmark	3
May 27	Shoal Lake	92
May 30	Glenboro	48
Jun. 4	Northern Light	10

MEMBERSHIP.

The following is a synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to December 27th, 1917:—

Membership, December 27th, 1916			7393
Initiated		362	
Joined		173	
Restored		29	
Passed	346		
Raised	341		
Total Increase for the Year			564
			7957
Died		88	
Dimitted		133	
Suspended N.P.D.		131	
Suspended U.M.C.		5	
Total Decrease for the year			357
Total Membership, December 27th, 1917			7600
Total Increase	207		

Yours fraternally,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), seconded by W. Bro. William McLellan (114), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I respectfully present my Annual Report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED

Proceedings of all Sister Grand Lodges recognized by this Grand Body.

Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the State of New York, for 1917 from Ill. Bro. William Homan.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America for 1917, from Ill. Bro. James H. Codding, Grand Secretary General.

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada for 1918, from R. E. Companion Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America from Ill. Bro. John H. Cowles, Grand Secretary-General.

The National Geographic Magazine Monthly, for 1918, from M. W. Bro. John W. Harris Honorary Past Grand Master.

PUBLICATIONS DONATED.

Melita Enterprise
Universal Freemason
The Toronto Freemason
Masonic Home
The Masonic Trowel
The Texas Freemason
MacGregor Herald
Square and Compass
The Tennessee Mason
Selkirk Weekly Herald
Brotherhood
New England Craftsman
Masonic Chronicler (Chicago)

TRAVELLING LIBRARY SETS

Up to date I have received applications from fifteen Lodges for a Library Set, have accommodated fourteen and hope to supply the remaining one in a few days.

THANKS.

We extend our sincere thanks and assurance of our deep appreciation to all who have so kindly remembered us with donations.

READING ROOM.

The annual donation of ninety dollars ($90.00) from the Six Blue Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple has been expended in the usual manner in the purchase of reading matter for the reading room.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71), the report of the Grand Lodge Librarian was referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

In submitting this report, the Board desires to express regret that some phases of its activities assumed last year have not been completed.

More urgent work, imposed by the war, has made unusual demands on the attention of some of the members and interrupted their Masonic labors.

Pressing needs have been met, and you are given the assurance all balances are in capable hands.

At the meeting on June 14th, 1917, M. W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh was re-elected president, M. W. Bro. E. M. Walker, vice-president, and members were elected for the various committes.

The president soon represented that his remoteness from Winnipeg interfered with his regular attendance, and insisted on being relieved from his duties. His resignation was reluctantly accepted on September 27th. M. W. Bro. E. M. Walker was elected to succeed the retiring president and M. W. Bro. William Chambers was elected vice-president.

It is a pleasure to report that the response to the Bi-Centenary Fund appeal has exceeded the allotment by a substantial amount. This splendid achievement is a good illustration of the usefulness of the Order.

To succor the needy and the afflicted is a masonic duty. In this connection your Committee on Benevolence has worked well and faithfully. Its total monthly payment is $160.00.

The brethren of this jurisdiction are as one in their concern for the outcome of the great struggle for freedom and democracy. Approximately one thousand have enlisted in an effort to win these jewels for humanity. Indeed, some have paid the supreme sacrifice.

The Board is of the opinion that in view of the principles involved and the sacrifice made, the Grand Lodge should pay tribute by giving grateful and tangible recognition of the splendid example of these soldier brethren.

The recommendation is respectfully made that you appoint a committee to suggest the best means of expressing gratitude for this devotion and sacrifice, and affording a noble inspiration for future generations of masons.

A spirit of disapproval of the Ceremonials of Grand Lodge having manifested itself on many occasions during the last few years, a committee was selected to make a recast. It will be presented to you at this communication.

The committee appointed to revise the Book of Constitution has completed its labors. The result of this work, also, will be reported.

The problem of arranging the Three Lesser Lights was referred to a committee. It has recommended that a light be placed in front of each of the three principal officers' chairs. It is hoped you may approve of the suggestion, or otherwise dispose of a perennial which has reared its head too often in this jurisdiction.

On March 27th, last a dispensation was granted to a number of brethren to form a Masonic Lodge at Weston, Man., to be known as Empire Lodge.

The Board was notified of the practice of some brethren of soliciting initiates to buy Masonic insurance. As a consequence the Grand Secretary has been instructed to circularize the various Lodge Secretaries to the effect that this Grand Body is engaged in no insurance enterprise and is sponsor for no canvasser for insurance.

Hereon quoted is a letter of general interest:—

"Hon. Secretary of Canada Lodge,
55 Fetter Lane.
London, E.C. 4, England.
April 26th, 1918.

"Dear Sir and M.W. Bro.

"I am desired by the W. M. and the Brethren of Canada "Lodge to communicate with you and through you to the Grand "Lodge of Manitoba the wish of our Lodge to mark with a suit-"able Masonic emblem each of the graves of Canadian Masons "who have paid the great sacrifice on the battlefields of France, "and to solicit your assistance in the matter by the collection of "information that will enable us to locate the graves of our fallen "brethren.

"May I ask that you collect the particulars of burial from "those of your Lodges who mourn such loss, have this informa-"tion listed, sent to me, and arrange that from time to time such "later particulars as come to hand may be communicated to me.

"It is hoped that the Masonic markings which we wish to "attach to the crosses on the graves may be some indication to "the families and Lodge brethren of those who have laid down "their lives for their Empire, that we of Canada Lodge feel their "loss. Many of them we have had the honour of receiving in "Lodge on their passage through England and we mourn this "sacrifice as an offering to the highest principles of Ancient Free-"masonry.

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"A. G. CARLYLE,
"Hon. Secretary.

"M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas.
"Winnipeg, Manitoba."

The Grand Secretary gladly assumed the responsibility of endeavoring to collect the necessary information and co-operating with the brethren of Canada Lodge.

Your attention is again called to the loss by death of two eminent members of the Board:

M.W. Bro. George William Baker died September 1st, 1917, and M.W. Bro. John McKechnie died May 30th, 1918.

Further references to these esteemed brethren will be made in other reports submitted to you.

Fraternally submitted.

EDWARD M. WALKER,
President.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), the report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that having carefully considered the report of the Committee on Constitution and Ceremonials, and finding nothing at variance with Masonic law and usage recommend the same.

It gives us much pleasure to report that no appeals or questions of Masonic law and usage have been submitted for our consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

H. L. ADOLPH,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.
M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committees on Grievances and Appeals beg to report that they have had under consideration the appeal of J.H.S. against the decision of Manitou Lodge No. 30 vs. J.J. and the appeal of J.J.A. against the decision of Ionic Lodge No. 25 vs. J.J.A. and respectfully recommend that the decision of Manitou Lodge No. 30 be changed from definite suspension to indefinite suspension and that the decision of Ionic Lodge No. 25 for indefinite suspension be approved and confirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

J. G. DAGG,
Acting Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Winnipeg, Man., June 11, 1918.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Finance Committee beg respectfully to report that we have approved for payment the various accounts presented during the year as shown in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The following estimates are submitted for the year April 1st, 1918 to March 31st, 1919:

Grand Secretary, salary	$2400.00
Bonus to Grand Secretary	200.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary	600.00
Bonus to Assistant to Grand Secretary	100.00
Printing Proceedings, 1918	400.00
Grand Master for Expenses	200.00
Office Rent	400.00
Stationery and Postage	300.00
Grant to Library	50.00
Printing new Constitutions	750.00
International Bureau of Masonic Affairs--Switzerland	50.00
Grand Tyler	20.00

Fraternally submitted,

JABEZ MILLER,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), seconded by W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges beg to report as follows:—

That they have examined the records and register of the Lodges under dispensation and respectfully recommend.

That a Charter be granted to Favel Lodge, at Minitonas in the Ninth Masonic District, Number 126.

That Empire Lodge, at Winnipeg, in the First Masonic District, not having worked the four months in accordance with Section 267 of the Constitution, the dispensation be continued for a further period of twelve months.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. CONNER,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. William Conner (13), seconded by R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free,
and Accepted Masons.

Brethren:—

Your Committee on Investments submits herewith a statement of its work for the year ended March 31st, 1918. On April 1st, 1917 the funds to the credit of our Investment Account amounted to $38,836.94. This has been increased to $80,205.68 made up as follows:

Mortgage investments	$39,368.23	
Dominion of Canada Victory Bonds	30,700.00	
Cash in Bank	10,137.45	
Total		$80,205.68

You will note that our funds have more than doubled during the year, principally owing to collections turned in to us by the Committee in charge of the Bi-Centenary Contribution to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund. It is unnecessary for us to enlarge upon the results of their campaign except to say that it will very materially increase the interest derived from our investments and thus enable the Committee on Benevolence to greatly extend the scope of their relief work. A large part of the contributions to this Fund had not been made at March 31st, and when all subscriptions are paid there will be a further substantial increase in the amount which this Committee will have available for investment, in fact the amount will be considerably over their objective of $100,000.00. During the year the Fund collected by Winnipeg brethren and known as the Robert Little Memorial Fund was turned over to us in the form of a mortgage and cash, the total amount received being $3,628.14. This carries with it an undertaking on the part of our Committee on Benevolence to pay to the widow of our late Brother Robert Little an annuity of $20.00 per month during her lifetime. The interest on this mortgage is sufficient to take care of these payments.

The property known as 240 Silver Street, referred to in our report last year is still owned by Grand Lodge. We have had several prospects of sale but none of them have materialized. The property is now rented on a yearly lease for $15.00 per month.

Considerable repairs will have to be made to this house and these are now occupying our attention.

During the year the sum of $2,520.93 interest was collected and handed over to the Committee on Benevolence. There is at the present time a large amount of interest arrears under several of our mortgages owing principally to the War Relief Act and the Moratorium Act. In such cases we are collecting the rents but these are not more than sufficient to keep the accounts from getting further in arrears. These are having our careful attention and all that is possible will be done to have them realized upon as soon as possible.

Owing to the unsettled conditions and the fact that good mortgages are hard to secure at the present time it has been the policy of your Committee to invest all available funds in war bonds issued by the Dominion Government. This secures us a good safe investment for a term of 20 years at a fair rate of interest, and will we believe relieve us from much of the trouble which we have had in connection with our mortgage investments. In pursuance of this policy we purchased last November $30,000.00 of Victory Loan Bonds and on June 1st we purchased a further sum of $20,000.00 of the same issue. This is a good investment and we are also helping our country in its great struggle against military autocracy and despotism.

Yours faithfully,

W. R. McCONNELL, Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), the report of the Investment Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education, in reporting on its work for the year, desires to lay particular stress on the interest that has been aroused in connection with the plan for the formation of study clubs in the constituent Lodges. As a result of the conference with the Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes in February, it was decided that a circular letter should be sent to the Secretaries of all the Lodges, informing them of the general plan, and asking whether they were in a position to undertake work of that kind.

The letter read as follows:—

"Dear Sir and Brother:

"The Committee (of the Grand Lodge) on Masonic Research and Education has decided to encourage by every means in its power, the formation of Study Clubs in connection with Lodges throughout this jurisdiction.

"We have felt, for some years past, that there is need in the Lodges for more instruction than is given to the members merely through the working of the degrees. It does not seem fair to leave individual members to grope and delve for themselves in their efforts to obtain further light in Masonry. The lack of proper direction has been responsible for a loss of interest on the part of most of our members, with the result that they have failed to attend the meetings. We seem to have been content with making members, rather than Masons.

"This Committee was formed for the purpose of discovering and applying the remedy for the condition that exists. We have few, if any, members in this Grand Lodge who can devote the time necessary to lay out and conduct among the Lodges a comprehensive campaign of Masonic Research and Education. We have made inquiries, therefore, to find out what is being done in other jurisdictions. Our object has been to secure an efficient plan of study that we could recommend, and that would have the advantage of being ready to use. We have discovered such a plan in the work of the National Masonic Research Society, of Anamosa, Iowa. We are pleased to inform you that we have arrangements whereby our members can avail themselves of the excellent material provided there. The National Masonic Research Society is conducted by a number of broad-spirited and enthusiastic craftsmen. They give their services without thought of monetary gain to the Society or to themselves. Their object is to collect authentic information about Masonry, and to disseminate it among enquiring brethren throughout the world.

"We would welcome an expression of opinion from your Lodge as to the need or desire for education along Masonic Lines among the members. We propose to send to any of the Lodges that are disposed to view the plan favorably an outline of the material that is available for purposes of study. This material will explain itself, in large measure, but if we can add any information to it we shall be pleased to do so.

"Our project was discussed and unanimously approved at a conference between the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Board of General Purposes in Winnipeg at the end of last month. Our Committee was instructed to proceed with its plans, and to place before the Lodges the outlines of the scheme. We now write to you in accordance with that instruction. Will you kindly bring this subject to the attention of your Lodge at the next regular meeting, and let us have an expression of opinion, based on the discussion there, as soon as possible? Believe me,

Fraternally and cordially yours,

A. E. BOYLE,

Chairman, Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

A number of encouraging replies have been received, and the Committee is now preparing to set forth a definite plan by which members of Lodges may secure material to enable them to prosecute study and research on Masonic subjects. We think it worth while to note in this connection that the members of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1 had made arrangements, previous to the receipt of our circular, to form a study club. It has since been organized, and while only a few meetings have been held, the movement has been warmly welcomed by the members. We understand that other lodges are ready to undertake active work in the same connection as soon as the vacation period is at an end. Your committee will consider it a privilege to give every assistance in its power to make the movement successful. We recognize the value of our opportunity, and are pleased to realize that there is so wide an interest in the departure we are trying to promote.

The distribution of papers on Masonic subjects has been continued during the year, and an increased interest in the historical and instruction side of our work has been apparent.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. BOYLE, Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114), seconded by M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Gone has last year, never to return. Behind us lies one stage more on life's journey. Faint is the road, and faltering our step, but onward we go, slowly onward.

Some dear Brethren, with us a year ago, have ceased to march. They have made the journey and, their labors o'er, laid themselves down to sleep.

By the light of Truth they shall be judged. None shall be overlooked. God seeth even a sparrow's fall. He knows the skilled and the unskilled. To Him is known the dividing line between good and evil, right and wrong. The cramped and varied nature of human vision is noted and He judgeth with pity.

This must be true. We are told God is love. Pity is a phase of love. He made the world and all it holds. He made Man after His own image and set him free. In setting Man free to choose for himself the Almighty did not forsake him.

He was not left like a storm-tossed and pilotless ship drifting towards the breakers. A code of laws was given as a guide. Further, His only Son was sent here to teach, yea, to die that Man might be saved. He said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, follow Me." What more need be stated to prove God is Love and pitieth His children?

All things good we owe to his bounty; the others to our not knowing all of Truth. Ills are of our own making. More, perhaps, than ever before we believe this. At this moment many of the heart's noblest ideals are being warred against by great numbers of men. On many blood-stained fields these standards are being given to the hazard of war. They tremble in the balance. Their loss would undo much of the good work of centuries. This is the state of affairs created by wrong ideals, accepting material force as basic and prizing it before the Heaven-sent, intangible and refining influences which give beauty to character and nobility to the national life.

The form of rule built on Truth has in it what is best for Man's stay here. It leaves him free to think for himself and harken to the voice of his own conscience. Interest in one's neighbor and respect for his opinions are fostered. The heart is warmed and exalted by unselfish emotions, while the community life is raised to a higher plane and the national honor is quickened.

What did God promise if we follow Him? He said, "Well done, good and faithful servant." "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." This means we shall live with Him forever and ever.

Brethren of foreign jurisdictions, whose names appear on the appended list, have passed the shaded porchway. Having entered upon the Eternal Light they shall labor here no more. They have gone to our Grand Master, in the Grand Lodge above, whose working tools were made of Wisdom and proved by Truth. To know these tools and their uses is Perfection. This is the true aim of man. It is the hope which lies deepest in the recesses of the human heart. Even the most ignorant is stirred by its call. To the weak it gives comfort. It steadies the strong. We should be glad our friends of yesterday have gained this knowledge, no matter how greatly we miss them.

George W. Guthrie, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, died March 8th, 1917.

Wyndham Stokes, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died March 12th, 1917.

Samuel Pasco, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Florida, died March 13t,h 1917.

Leo Edmund Bennett, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, died May 28th, 1917.

James Carnell, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Florida, died June 17th, 1917.

James McCormack, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Connecticut, died June 24th, 1917.

Richard Edward Chism, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Mexico, died July 4th, 1917.

Beston Gaston Brown, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas, died July 10th, 1917.

William McMillan, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nevada, died July 21st, 1917.

Henry Knox Field, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Virginia, died July 31st, 1917.

J. Jay Buck, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas, died September 3rd, 1917.

Howard Royal French, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, died September 11th, 1917.

Hon. C. Carty-Salmon, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Victoria, died September 15th, 1917.

Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec, died September 19th, 1917.

George Freifeld, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York, died November 16th, 1917.

C. A. Bridewell, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died November 18th, 1917.

James Hamilton Peabody, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Colorado, died November 23rd, 1917.

William Thomas Wright, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oregon, died December, 11th, 1917.

Charles Henry Chandler, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas, died December 18th, 1917.

Frank H. Orcutt Young, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died December 24th, 1917.

Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of England, died September, 1917.

John M. Hamilton, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died December 27th, 1917.

William E. Hill, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died December 29th, 1917.

Augustus Bowman Farnham, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine, died January 14th, 1918.

George D. Kennedy, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Colorado, died January 26th, 1918.

Samuel A. Brown, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of South Dakota, died February 5th, 1918.

Luther B. Archibald, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died February 10th, 1918.

Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maryland, died March 9th, 1918.

John P. Bell, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Texas, died April 3rd, 1918.

Henry B. Thielson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oregon, died April 7th, 1918.

John Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario), died May 31st, 1918.

M.W. Brother George William Baker was born at Ottawa, Ont., August 4th, 1854. He died September 1st, 1917. He was made a Mason in Northern Light Lodge No. 10, June 29th, 1887, and a W.M. in 1893. Having served as D.D.G.M., J.G.W., and D.G.M., he was elected to the office of Grand Master in 1909. He was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

The late Brother labored for the highest interests of the fraternity. Earnest. unassuming and genial, he won and held the esteem of the Brethren.

In 1881 he came to Winnipeg to reside. In the same year he was called to the Manitoba Bar. For some years he served as Police Magistrate and in 1914 was made a K.C. The Anglican Church, Y.M.C.A., Winnipeg General Hospital, the Unversity of Manitoba and many other useful influences found in him a friend.

One might have travelled far and failed to find a man of finer sentiments or more closely typifying a nature's gentleman. Indeed, whether working as a mason or a citizen he touched nothing he did not adorn.

M.W. Brother John McKechnie was born near Loch Lomond, Scotland, August 14th, 1844. He died May 30th, 1918. After coming to Paris, Ont., with his parents in 1854 the late M.W. Brother worked as a mill-wright. The call of the west brought him to Winnipeg in 1872. He soon became a useful citizen. He was a devout Presbyterian whose purse was open to the needy and whose counsel was wise and gentle.

He reorganized the Vulcan Iron Works and developed it into one of the leading industries of this province.

For many years he devoted much time to furthering the interests of the Public School system of the City, the University of Manitoba, and the Winnipeg General Hospital.

The late Brother was made a Mason in Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, July 18th, 1876, and a W.M. in 1882.

This Grand Lodge made him Grand Treasurer in 1885 and retained him in the office for 21 years. This was a fine example of unselfish service. As Grand Master in 1906 he guided wisely and further endeared himself in the affections of the Brethren. He was for many years an active member of fthe Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada.

A high sense of honor made him faithful to every trust. His word was that of a man. "To be honest, as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousands." He was the "one man."

These Brethren have gone to live with our Father. Their happiness can be told by no man. Let us not sorrow.

"The Soul, secure in its existence, smiles at the
drawn dagger and defies its point;
The Stars shall fade away, the sun himself grow dim
with age, and all nature sink in years;
But the Soul shall flourish in immortal youth, unhurt
amid the war of elements, the wreck of matter and
the crash of worlds."

We should sweeten ourselves by cherishing in tender memory the good in these absent friends. May their stay here profit us. May we know and use the best in their lives and counsel. Let us pray God may comfort the bereft.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. WALKER, Convener.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

To the M.W. the Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence last year recommended that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of Norway and the Grand Orient of Italy for reasons which were fully set out in the Committee's report.

Since that report was presented the subject has been before many of the Grand Lodges of the United States of America, and several American Grand Lodges have authorized their members to visit lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. The enlistment of thousands of American Masons now fighting on French soil in defence of France, civilization and christianity has brought home to the people of this continent and of Great Britain the realization of the weakness of a divided craft and the advantage to our common interests and the welfare of the western democratic nations of a re-union of those who ought never to have been separated. As has been well said by those who have commented on this situation—what was impossible industrially, financially and politically in 1914 has been found easy of accomplishment under the stress of war, and Masonry should be ready and willing to drop dogma for the great cause of universal Masonry.

Your Committee believes that the events of the past year have only strengthened the reasons for such a re-union of Masonry and intensified the desire of all the craft for the breaking down of the Masonic barriers now existing between those who are allies in arms in defence of humanity and freedom.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. CROSSIN, Chairman.

It was moved by W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114), seconded by V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), that the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations be received and adopted.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Benjamin E. Rothwell (105), that the matter of recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions not now recognized be held over for further investigation and report, by a special committee appointed by the Grand Master. The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared carried.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6.10 o'clock p.m. until 8.00 o'clock p.m.

First Day = Evening Session

RESUMED LABOR

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, June 12th, at 8.00 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

We have reached another milestone in the history of our Grand Lodge and have the record of another war year to record. From the vantage ground of today it may seem a far cry to those peaceful days of the past when there was not a thought in the wide world but that of getting as much pleasure and as much profit as possible out of life. Under the ever present consciousness of the war clouds that still hang ominously over our heads, it is not to be wondered that some of us have grown war-weary, and that all of us are longing for the day when the warring nations shall agree to break their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Until that blessed day comes, it is our business to mobilize our hearts and consciences until we shall look upon this war for the thing that it is—a great world crusade for the redemption from the hands of the Infidel of all those fair ideals of honor, justice, freedom, and human forbearance and co-operation, which are at once the foundation and the inspiration of our national life, and Brethren, the morning star has arisen and this is no time for complaining, hesitating or turning back. The world is awake. We have put our hands to the plough. It is ours to 'carry on.' In the sacred blood of those who died in the British Hospitals back of the lines, let us once again undersign our covenant, that this thing which has come upon the world shall be blotted out once and forever. By the memory of the nursing sisters who died that night; by the memory of all who remained at their posts and did their duty, Canada shall not forget, this Grand Lodge will not forget, and the civilized world dare not forget. Brethren, have faith in God. Against the darkness of that awful hour of murder, the clear burning spark of divinity, which is humanity's pledge that we shall emerge victorious, stands out in whitest light.

Coming now to a consideration of a few of the more immediate factors of which the report is mainly concerned, may we be permitted to say a few words regarding so mundane a feature as the Bi-Centenary Fund. This is the first time in the history of our Grand Lodge when a monetary effort really worthy of the dignity of Grand Lodge has been instituted, and its success speaks well of the character of the men we have gathered beneath our banners. It is the first time, therefore, that the brethrn have been asked to express their zeal for the cause of Fremasonry, in dollars and cents. Money is the common, universal expression of value that every one understands and respects; and, while we may realize that there are many things that money cannot buy, no other measure of value is so fundamental to the ordinary affairs of life. Money value is, moreover, the trunk that supports many of the higher values. Some measure of assured material wealth must be attained even before art, literature and science can develop, and what holds true in the race, among different peoples, holds, in the main, with individuals. In a word, we adopt this value not because we are incapable of conceiving life and true living as being something beyond this materialistic criterion, but because we have come to accept it as a standard known and understood by all men. Accepting such a standard then, how shall we express the real worth of our Masonic standing? If one's appreciation of a thing is measured by the amount he is willing to give for the benefit of that thing, what is your status as a member of the Craft? What is my status? The members of the Committee are not the judges. Each individual must answer for himself. Suffice it to declare that the magnitude of the total gives ground for the assumption that the great heart of Freemasonry beats warm for the cause.

But all the value lies not in the amount of money subscribed. There are indirect values of very great moment. Consider for example, the beneficial work of mercy which this Grand Lodge through its Benevolent Committee is now able to accomplish. There is something wrong with the piety of a man who has nothing except pity for the suffering. There is also something wrong with a great fraternity whose funds never go toward the substantial relief of the poor and distressed. We are therefore proud that we have a fund of such generous proportion; proud of the effort made to collect this fund; and doubly proud of the labor of love that has so far characterized its administration.

To carry to a successful issue a financial propaganda of such proportions required considerable organization, but efficient organization of our resources, both material and spiritual, is surely a matter worthy of our most serious consideration. A central committee of our leading business men directed the campaign from headquarters, while a small army of willing workers went here and there throughout the Province, arranging the multitude of localities so as to insure a proper canvass of all Masonic forces. All this is good, but it is not the vital point. The main value is seen in the opportunity given the canvassers to meet, converse with the members, and see for themselves th spcial problems of each Lodge in the jurisdiction. Surely we may hope that the spirit of Freemasonry as a universal brotherhood has been re-vivified and enlarged. If there is one thing more than another your Committee wishes to emphasize, it is the development of a greater cameraderie, without which our Lodges stand isolated and thereby unable to give the support and the encouragement that each Lodge is capable of giving. Let us hope that the spirit of neighborliness may increase. Let us hope that each Lodge will make it a rule to visit at least one Lodge each year. We commend the practice of Northern Light Lodge No. 10 in this regard. We advocate a continuation of the principles of the "travelling square." Such a coming and going among the Lodges will do more to create a solidarity of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction than a dozen or more visits from officials can possibly accomplish.

As a chain is just as strong as its weakest link, so the whole fabric of Freemasonry is measured by the number of Lodges that are showing, or have shown signs of inertia. Your Committee regret to find that the returns show an unhealthy condition in a few instances. One of the most vital questions asked for in the District Form, is—"Condition of Lodge, Active or Dormant?" We should like to see a greater range of significant terms by which to describe the standing of a Lodge. There is a great gulf fixed between a really active Lodge and a dormant Lodge, and it makes it very difficult we are sure for the Deputy to have to report "Dormant." It is easier to be generous and to mark down a Lodge that is passably efficient as "Active." We would give the Right Worshipful Brother more or less of a free hand in reporting on this matter. But what causes have been assigned for "inactivity?" We assume that the war has called away many enthusiastic officers and members. Is this a cause for the remnant to lay down their arms? We rejoice that no Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction would take refuge behind such a circumstance. Great emergencies should foster great minds and hearts. There never was a time when the call to Masonic service was quite as clear as it is today, and the Lodge that would "bank its fires" awaiting the return of the noble souls who have gone to face the foe, is a Lodge where the principles of Freemasonry are neither known nor practised. We may therefore dismiss this condition as a factor conductive to inactivity. In one case, it is said that the younger members are not advanced in the work, meaning thereby, that there is no encouragement by way of office promotion. No Lodge of Freemasons should form themselves into a close corporation. Such tactics are sure to lead to disaster sooner or later. The appointment of a new Secretary is also suggested as a move toward greater efficiency. Good Secretaries are rare. When a Lodge finds such a one, no wonder he is retained in office. A good secretary is inclined to be perennial in his office tenure, and so long as he attends to his own secretarial duties, all is well. But it sometimes happens that the secretary becomes obsessed with the idea that he is the whole Lodge. Then the trouble begins. An indolent or careless secretary is the bete noire of any Lodge. Another Lodge is meeting irregularly on account of the difficulty of forming a quorum. The District Deputy Grand Master who thus reports, has entered into the task of reconstruction in a manner deserving of our warmest approval, and the good work done will surely be continued by his successor. If the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry can do anything by way of assisting semi-active or dormant Lodges, I am sure I speak for every member when I say—"We shall be delighted to do what we can." These are serious times, Brethren. It is well to watch for the symptoms of incipient dormancy in every Lodge and organize a relief expedition at once. If such a Lodge does not convalesce quickly, it must grow worse, and then, unless one adopts heroic measures, one cannot save it from dry rot. Do not wait for it to grow worse, but get it up on its feet and walk it around to keep it awake, for one may rest assured that it is much easier to get out of the rut now than it will ever again be. The inevitable doom of the Lodge that has ceased to grow is death. Where activity ceases, retrogression begins. The dormant Lodge is a dead branch carried by the living tree on which it hangs.

Right Worshipful Brother J. W. Smith offers a suggestion which may well be considered, viz., the advisability of making smaller Grand Lodge Districts. Ideals are the silken threads of consistency upon which are strung the golden acts of our lives. Here is an ideal that in so far as the number of Lodges is concerned is being worked out most successfully in District Number Ten. District Deputy Grand Masters are, after all, only human; distances are considerable; and travelling accomodation far from being perfect. It is therefore too much to expect that an official shall make frequent visits to each Lodge, and yet it is only by such visiting that Lodges can get the full benefit of the counsel of the Grand Lodge Overseer. Were our School Inspectors limited to a single visit of a school during the year, where would our supervision come in? It is even so in Freemasonry. It is desirable that the representatives of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, should be in closest touch with their constituents. It is desirable that a spirit kin to our community spirit should bind all the Lodges of each group. This is not a time for extreme individualism. Group-action is the shibboleth of today. May we hope that the golden age is not far distant when representatives of all the Lodges of a district can get together around a common table, and discuss fully and freely those things that go to improve the status of each Lodge? The district meeting of pleasant memories has about fulfilled its past. It should be permitted to retire gracefully. In its place we should like to see an institution that will meet the needs of the age, that will be more likely to bring about a better articulation of the District Lodges, and that will enable us the better to make that progress in Freemasonry that we have a right to expect. Such an articulation would, we believe, increase the general morale, and secure for real merit the positions of Masonic leadership. But, when all is said and done, Most Worshipful Sir, the status of a Lodge in its final analysis is but the reflection of the ruling Master. The coming Master must always be found in the subordinate officers. Should any of these fail to measure up to the standard, why should the Lodge make the mistake of electing him to the position of Worshipful Master? Who is really responsible for the lapsing of a Lodge? From whom should the Lodge receive its enthusiasm and its outlook? When there is no vision on the part of the Master, the Lodge as a whole, is on a fair way to catastrophe. Freemasonry is a system of education; Lodges are Masonic schools. In establishing such schools we recognize the fact and register our belief that a man who becomes a member of a Masonic Lodge will become a different person than he would become did he not seek membership. It is important then that every Master should have certainly in his mind all the time the end that is to be sought in the work of the Lodge, and also, that he shall know how to proceed to make the desired change in the mind and character of the young Freemason. Certain mental experience must be engendered in him. This is inevitably determined by what he thinks. If the Master can cause the Initiate to think in a certain way, to experience the proper kind of mental processes, then he can effectively develop the man in the proper direction. If he does not know what the mental processes are, and is unable to distinguish these mental processes when the Masonic learner does experience them, then his work will necessarily be blind, hap-hazard, and ineffective. Verily, a Master's work is no sinecure, and the wonder is that so many of us have blundered along as well as we have. Indeed, the Master's work is professional work of the highest class, for it deals with the living spirit and the Master who does not conceive of his work in this light can not expect to rise to the dignity of an artist or Master Workman in his profession. If the work is not progressing as it should, let the Master examine himself first of all.

Your Committee wish, Most Worshipful Sir, to point out and commend to the Brethren, the work of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education. We have ample evidence from Lodges here and there that the time is now ripe for an earnest endeavor along the lines of supervised Masonic study. This movement on the part of Grand Lodge has already revealed unsuspected talent among the rank and file of the Lodges. Freemasons everywhere are awakening from their inertia and are enquiring more and more persistently for advice regarding Masonic Journals, Masonic literature generally, and Masonic courses of study. We realize the vast possibilities for good in this call. Nay, more, we expect that every member of this Grand Lodge will do all in his power toward bringing this new work before his own Lodge and thus hold up the arms of the Brethren who have worked so strenuously to place it on a solid footing. Added to this, may we congratulate St. John's Lodge No. 4, for its zeal and courage in the work of conducting a purely Lodge magazine. We wish "Four Square" an abundant success, and we trust that it may prove the forerunner of a larger journal that shall direct and reflect the Masonic activities of this sovereign body.

The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry feel that their activities are still more or less hampered by the tardiness which still maintains in sending in the reports of the several Grand Lodge Divisions. It is difficult to make bricks without straw, and the straw comes in so slowly. We are not going to scold for we are sure that some of the Deputies have had troubles of their own arising from delinquent Secretaries, but, may we hope for ideal conditions next year? We are pleased to report very considerable improvement in the form of reports sent in, but there are still a few instances of the stereotyped character. We are not interested in such information as—"Visited——Lodge—. Saw the Master's degree conferred. Was well received by the Brethren." All of these items we may take for granted. We attempted once before to describe the report we should be delighted to receive, but, descriptions are difficult and their interpretation even more so. We are very fortunate, therefore, in having at our command what we consider an ideal report. Right Worshipful Brother Crossin's report is concise, full of most valuable information, and shot through and through with a certain spiritual quality which at once reveals the character of the Masonic outlook of District One, and the method by which it is being realized. We cannot do better than recommend the form of this report to all who may attain to the high Office of District Deputy Grand Master. The following items from these reports we think worthy of mention:—

Right Worshipful Brother H. J. J. Smith of the Second Masonic District suggests "That the subordinate Lodges appoint a committee of three active members who should be in constant touch with Grand Lodge on Masonic Research and Education; that the plans and suggestions received be continuously kept before the Lodge by this Committee; and that the information secured be accessible to any member at any time."

Right Worshipful Brother J. W. Smith of the Fifth Masonic District advises the division of the District but does not specify how such division should be made. Your Committee would refer this matter to Brother Smith's successor in office for further consideration.

Right Worshipful Brother C. H. Burns of the Ninth Masonic District condemns the appointment of a Standing Character Committee. He also advocates the necessity of degrees being impressively given and candidates properly instructed before advancement. Bro. Burns also recommends that a Charter be granted Favel Lodge now under dispensation.

Right Worshipful Brother A. L. Crossin refers to a visit made to Northern Light Lodge No. 10 by Most Worshipful Brother, the Reverend Dr. Pinkham, Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of a charter to Northern Light Number 68 by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota,—the lighting of the Masonic lamp in Western Canada.

Brother Crossin also refers to the institution of Empire Lodge U.D. situated in that part of Winnipeg known as Weston. We welcome this Lodge as a member of our great sisterhood. We are glad to hear of the unbounded enthusiasm of its members. We promise our support and encouragement and we trust it will establish a record worthy of the name it has chosen.

Speaking of the Condition of Freemasonry generally for district number seven, Right Worshipful Brother A. S. Thompson says: "I would say that it is fair but would draw your attention to a few points. We have in this District assets exceeding $12,000 and cash on hand over $4,000, and yet during the past year there was $56 only paid out for relief or charitable work. I would not make special mention of this were it not for the fact that in view of the most excellent prosperity of the Lodges which could not be if the members were not so too, there were only two, perhaps three Lodges which reached their allotment in connection with the Bi-Centenary Fund. This looks to me as though we were surface-masons only, forgetting that most important reason given as our object in seeking admission to the Masonic fraternity. I do not wish to belittle the efforts of this District but feel it my duty to draw your attention to the tardiness of that truly Masonic spirit, sacrifice and service. I hope my futile effort will have a tendency to accentuate this spirit and that my successor in office will be able so to report."

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, we, as a Committee, have to admit that there is much more in the reports of our Deputies than is here outlined. Reading the lines, and between the lines, we are impressed with the feeling that the work accomplished has in every particular been worthy work; that it has been carried on in storm and sunshine; that it has meant much self-sacrifice on the part of the Grand Lodge Officers, and that a real effort has been made to cover the ground and to cover it well and faithfully. When the gavel of authority is passed over to the Deputies of 1918-1919, we believe that there will also pass the conviction that a year's experience as a D.D.G.M. is an admirable preparation for the work of a Masonic Overseer. We leave the field, as it were, when we are best fitted to fill it. All sincere Deputy Grand Masters have had a similar experience, but the usages and customs of Grand Lodge stand in the way of a second chance. We have great pleasure in recommending that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following named Brethren:—

R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin, of the First Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. Herbert J. J. Smith, of the Second Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. Robert J. Mills, of the Third Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. Henry Burke, of the Fourth Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. John W. Smith, of the Fifth Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. Malcolm C. McKinnon, of the Sixth Masonic District.
R.W. Bro. Arthur S. Thompson, of the Seventh Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. Albert H. Malcolmson, of the Eighth Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. Clifton H. Burns, of the Ninth Masonic District;
R.W. Bro. Norman McDougall, of the Tenth Masonic District.

And now, Most Worshipful, having recorded in as far as we are able, the work accomplished during the year, and rejoicing in the noble band of Craftsmen who have so faithfully carried the Craft to success, let us bear in mind our part in the great struggle which has not yet reached a conclusion. We are fighting a peril that threatens to blast our national future and shatter our loftiest hopes of humanity. The fate of poor Russia should surely be a sufficient warning to us all to postpone much that is desirable, much that is pleasurable in our individual activities until this one great menace is overcome and silenced for all time. Learning without character, knowledge without conscience, organization without humanity, discipline without liberty, ideals without dignity—such culture, we, as Masons, absolutely refuse to accept.

There is a new day dawning upon this battle-scarred world. Our boys are coming home again with a new vision regarding the fitness of things. They are coming back with the determination that the old order in our national life must go, and those who fail to recognize this sign of the times are surely fast asleep. The forms and institutions of yesterday have become shattered and are no longer adequate for the world's needs. A new day of reconstruction and re-statement is a necessity if mankind is to continue to make progress. To prepare for such a day is a duty incumbent upon every Freemason. Let us press forward, improving our opportunities, of maintaining and consolidating our resources, so that we may be able to pass them on in all their efficiency to our boys when they return victorious, and to the generations yet to come.

And what shall we say of our heroic dead? Men from all time have died for the faith they held, and men have even died for dreams. We know no faith, no dream better worth dying for than this for which our brave young men have given their lives, the dream of human freedom. It is our race pride, that a passion for liberty was kindled early in our remotest forbears. There is no nobler task than that of keeping this divine spark alive upon the human hearth. In our moments of insight, we know that life has no greater boon than a chance to die for one's faith, and they have died for this. We would not take from them, even if we could, their hour of glory, their great hour of death.

From a land physically remote but ever spiritually near, has come an omen:—Jerusalem, the holy city, in which grew up the belief in a Kingdom of God, Jerusalem has passed again into the keeping of those to whom that Kingdom means justice and mercy and truth. Let this victory be one daily token that those qualities shall triumph and shall be no more overcome.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

A review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the English speaking world reveals Masonry everywhere as earnest of purpose, devoted to the highest welfare of the communities which it serves and grappling courageously with all the problems of these troublous times.

The national life in all its reaches has been profoundly affected by the war. In August 1914 a new world came into being. Old political and social customs have been thrown upon the scrap heap. Into the discard have gone many financial theories, some religious beliefs and not a few conceptions of national duty and international relations. Our very habits of thought have been changed. Every institution which we identify with our common life is on trial today. It is being judged by the service it renders humanity.

Freemasonry could not escape the influence of such times as these in which we live. It, too, is on trial before the bar of public opinion. Everywhere in the Masonic world the spirit of inquiry is in evidence. Old ideas and ideals are being subjected to most searching scrutiny. Masonic history and traditions are being reexamined in the light of the new needs of mankind. The Masonic conception of the purpose of life is being brought to the test of its practical value to peoples who are war weary and in the agony of personal suffering. Men everywhere are reaching out for the sympathetic handclasp of their fellow-men. Social distinctions have melted away in the presence of a common danger, and the fellowship of a common suffering. Never has the desire to serve, to relieve pain and sorrow and poverty moved such large masses of men.

It is not astonishing then, perhaps, that men are everywhere found at the doors of Masonic lodges seeking in our fraternity that companionship and sympathy their nature craves. Masonry proclaims its unfaltering belief in the brotherhood of man, the resurrection of the dead and the immorality of the soul. Men have good grounds to expect to find a Masonic lodge a hotbed of patriotic and humanitarian effort, a leader in beneficient community work, a union of good men and true for the elevation of mankind.

Almost everywhere reports indicate numerical prosperity. Membership is increasing, attendance growing and a more intelligent interest is being taken in the history and symbolism of the craft. The brethren want an outlet for this new spirit of helpfulness.

MASONIC AWAKENING.

The Masonic Research Committee of Iowa terms this activity a Masonic awakening:

"Your committee is impressed with the fact that a great ""Masonic awakening is taking place. Never before have breth- "ren been so active in the line of Masonic education as is evi- "denced by the number of study clubs formed in different parts "of the state; by the fact that Masters have of their own motion "prepared and delivered addresses to their own lodges; by the "fact that lodges have set aside certain meetings for the discus- "sion of Masonic topics, and by many other lines of Masonic acti- "vity. In some lodges this year Masters have delivered address- "es on the night of their installation, in which their outline of "work for the ensuing year included plans for Masonic study and "research work, and others on surrendering the gavel to their "successors have reviewed the progress made. In some cities "Masonic books have been placed in the city library and a list of "these books posted in the ante-room of the Masonic lodges.

"In some lodges articles in "The Builder" have been read "and discussed in open lodge and brethren have been urged to "subscribe for and read Masonic publications. The awakened "interest thus shown is very gratifying to your committee, and we "believe is a complete answer to the charge that our lodges are "nothing but mills for grinding out candidates; that we have "been giving "too much attention to the wholesale birth of "Masons and too little attention to their care and nourishment "after they are born."

THE SPIRIT OF MASONRY.

Special interest always attaches to the activities of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, a daughter Grand Lodge of our own, rapidly outgrowing her parent. M.W. Bro. John H. Anderson, out of a ripe Masonic experience, contributes a valuable definition of Masonry as he has found it, in language which has the rhythm of poetry:—

"Brethren, if you will pardon a personal reference, permit "me to state that, as I draw near the allotted span of three score "years and ten, I am more vitally impressed with the subtle and "ennobling influence of Masonry on the minds and hearts of my "fellowmen.

"Masonry is not a religion in the general acceptance of the "term; it is not characterized by dogma or subservience to out-"worn creeds; it is not a system of hair-splitting or metaphysical "abstractions which sharpen the wits of the anaylst and philo-"sopher; its ritual is merely symbolic of those fundamental "tenets which enable its genuine adherents to comprehend their "true relationship to the Great Architect of the Universe and to "their fellowmen. The spirit of Masonry is a vitalizing moral "force which exalts and ennobles every human faculty with which "God has 'endowed the being created after His own image.' The "true Mason is gentle, loving, sympathetic, and forgiving. Petty "spites, jealousies and animosities find no place in the categories "of Masonic truth. These are frailities of human nature, and "alas! how intensely human are too many brother Masons! Let "us strive to make ourselves more worthy of our Masonic privi-"leges, to purify our lives, to enlighten the understanding, and so "to perfect our conduct that this old world may be a better place "because of our influence. To us great privileges have been "given, but equally great responsibilities have been thereby im-"posed. May 'the secret sympathy, the silver link, the silken tie' "of brotherly love continue to elevate our daily lives and teach "us to prepare for Eternity that we may at last be enabled to "stand before the World's Great Architect 'unstained by vice and "unspotted by sin."

A clearer and higher note of optimism—or shall we not call it faith—is struck by M.W. Bro, Will Moore, Grand Master of Oregon. After directing attention to the fundamental principles of the Masonic brotherhood, he reminds us that there is something of the divine in our human nature, in these pregnant words:—

"Let us, then, look for the good, the true and better part of "man. Our visions can be educated to see the bright as well as "the dark side of life; the difference is, one beautifies, the other "mars our characters. I believe there is something good in every "man, if we but look for it—a spark of nobility which can be "fanned into flame, but only by the breath of charity. Our con-"ception of people is made up in our own hearts, and takes its "coloring from our own characters. You remember the story "of the magic mirror, told in legend. On looking into its face, "the possessor beheld the realization of all his dreams, the con-"summation of all his hopes. Life is but a great broken mirror, "in which we see our own images reflected. If you smile into it, "a smile comes back to you, if you knit your brows at it, a frown "is returned. Whether you laugh or sigh, echo gives back the "same sound. And so the world is, just what we see in it

" 'And life is a mirror of King and Slave.
'Tis just what you are and do.
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.' "

And Bro. the Rev. Fort Newton of the "Builders" fame (now Pastor of the City Temple, London) in a characteristic address to the Grand Lodge School of instruction of Illinois on "Masonic Education," from which, if space permitted, many strikingly beautiful passages might be quoted, gives us this fine description of the spirit of Masonry:—

"How beautiful it is that an Ancient Order, coming down to "us from the earliest time, should win elect young men to its "fellowship, and ask them such great questions. And as they "bow at its altar, upon the Bible which their mothers read, it "exacts from them high and solemn vows of chastity, of charity, "of brotherly love, relief and truth. What is it that makes a "man great? It is a great faith and a great idea. Ideas rule "the world. Above the battle lines in Europe, if you have eyes "to see, you can discover two wars now raging, as long ago Homer "saw two battles above the City of Troy,—one between the "Greeks and Trojans, and one in the viewless air between gods "and goddesses. Just so, above the long battle lines you can now "see a battle of ideas. Ideas migrate like birds. They hide in "crooked lines on a printed page. They force us into the arena "to fight for them. Ideas rule the world. Get a right and true "idea into the mind of a young man, and you have done more for "him than by giving him any treasure of silver or precious stones. "When Masonry brings a young man to an altar of prayer, in an "atmosphere of reverence, and before the open book which is the "moral manual of civilization, and plants in his mind great, "simple, luminous and valid ideas of what it is to be a man, and "what life means, it has rendered to him the highest service that "any Institution can render to a man."

In referring to his Masonic Lodge, the learned Brother said—

"One of the first things that impressed me when I entered "old Friendship Lodge was the fact that it contained in its fel-"lowship men of every political party; and, later, when looking "into the history of the Order, and its principles, I learned that "questions of politics that divided men and sometimes estranged "and embittered them were not permitted in a Masonic Lodge.

"To me that was an eloquent fact. Knowing something of "the bitter partisan spirit in the history of American politics, it "seemed to me a wonderful thing that there should be a great "kindly fellowship that eliminated such questions and permitted "men of all parties to meet as man to man in the simple, funda-"mental fellowship of humanity without regard to party.

"Another thing that impressed me that night in old Friend-"ship Lodge was the presence of men of nearly all the religious "persuasions represented in the community. There is a certain "stage in the growth of a town, a certain gosling stage, as I some-"times describe it, when it is neither a town nor a city, when it is "divided up into cliques and parties and when sectarian rivalry "is very acute. It was so in that community at that time, what-"ever may be its state of mind now. In that Lodge room were "gathered men who were supposed to be rivals on the outside of "the room, and they meet in a spirit of fraternity and good will. "As I passed through the Degrees, I found that the Order placed "emphasis only upon those profound and fundamental things that "underlie all religions and over-arch all creeds and that upon "that platform these men, however they might differ in the "details of dogma and ceremony, stood together man to man, "brother to brother, in the spirit of fellowship.

"As I pondered over my initiation that night, it seemed to "me that I had come into an Order which was prophetic of a time "when men would discover outside the Lodge, as they discovered "inside, that the things that they have in common, the things "upon which they do agree, are of so much greater importance "that they will overshadow the things about which they have de-"bated so long. It seemed to me that I stood at an altar which "was prophetic of a time when the estranged religious units of "the world would be brought closer together, and men would ask "not "What is your creed?" but "What is your need?" And "when they thus arrive, the scene will be presided over by the "beautiful genius of Freemasonry, which has prophesied it for "centuries."

From a stirring address on the value of historic Masonry by W. Bro. Lee Dinwiddie of Indiana, we quote a paragraph referring to the accomplishments of Masonry in the past:—

"To fully determine what she did is impossible; but we do "know that her works have so pleased the Great Architect that "she has been preserved throughout the ages. While nations and "kingdoms have arisen and fallen since Masonry began, yet the "golden links of true manhood have bound together the forces "which have carried the tide of Masonic influences down through "the ages; and the moral force of Free Masonry has been felt by "many wrong-doers. The powers and forces of Masonry have al-"ways been the enemy of tyranny and oppression. Men imbued "with the principles of Masonry and armed with its tenets have "dethroned tyrant kings, have liberated men and nations from "the bonds of oppressive slavery. They have fired the guns that "have silenced the batteries of the enemies of true manhood. "Masonry has fed the hungry, has clothed the naked, and has thus "kept God's law. The men who saved from the grip of oppres-"sion this most beautiful land of ours, and forever planted and "enthroned the greatest nation of people on earth, were strength-"ened, encouraged and led on to a glorious success by the tenets "of Free Masonry."

M.W. Bro. Eggleston, Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee of Virginia—a position which he has held with distinction for many years—is moved to utter a ringing and altogether wholesome protest against some of our recent customs. Bro. Eggleston has the root of the matter in him and, if he errs at all, errs in the direction of maintaining Masonry's mission unsullied;—

"Masonry, or, as it is better called, the Fatherhood of God "and the brotherhood of man—a pure autocracy governing a pure "democracy—has come down the ages to us, known, perhaps, in "different ages, under differing conditions, by various names; "essentially it has always been the same. Amid pomp and luxury, "during war and pestilence, it has been, at times, all but lost. "Persecuted, and its votaries hunted down and murdered, it still "survives. As has been often pointed out in addresses by Grand "Master Cabell, a renowned classical scholar, even when existing "among the ancients by different names, it has always been "characterized by 'mysteries' to the profane world, and as 'the "mysteries' known to its members. Among Hebrews, Greeks, "Romans and Scandinavians, in ancient times, it always carried "one of our chief characteristics in its rituals. Leaving aside, "for the present, its trials and troubles of the past, grateful that "we have had handed down to us its essentials in all their beau-

"tiful and comprehensive simplicity, our duty is a plain one. We "have no right to permit the would-be progressives among us to "try their prentice hand at improving it by introducing changes "in imitation of anything on God's green earth.

Charging dues annually, in advance, for the convenience of "secretaries, from which grows frequent injustice, is wrong. Re"quiring receipts for dues before examination is an impertinence. "Marching in regalia, save for funerals and corner-stone laying "and public installations, is childish vanity, or else unworthy "advertising, far beneath the dignity of our hoary and venerable "institution. Calling to refreshment and entertaining mixed "Masons and profanes, and all other recognition of any organiza"tion not pure Masonry, is a grave, and will, some day, become a "dangerous innovation. It is but a concession to woman suffrage, "and that is pure politics, be our individual views what they may.

"Striving for members is un-Masonic. All degree work, and "little or no social life or instructive features, is a sad mistake. "But, perhaps, worse and most destructive of all, is permitting "our peace-loving institution, which is in its very essence the "antithesis of controversy, to be drawn into religious contention. "We have our work to do in the world, and have no mission to "fight or contend with anybody. That we are sometimes attacked "today by the Roman Church, as we have been for centuries, is "no excuse whatever. Wordy defense is confession of weak "vulnerability, and just that is what Rome wants. Their ful"minations have never hurt us in all the ages, and, if we only "have the sense to leave them to beat the air, they never will. "If on earth there ever was a set of people who could afford to "smile in silence at any and all attacks, we are just those people. "What we choose to do as individuals is another story.

"Our fathers had none of these mistakes in their Masonry. "These, and some others, are modern innovations, and should be "rigorously weeded out. Let us keep our Masonry pure and "simple: do what we can for our fellow-man especially those of "our household, and let other organizations do as they will."

THE WAR

No peoples in the world may remain unaffected by the incidence of the great war. Providence seems to have decreed that its transcendent import to our civilization must be brought home to the citizens of every nation. Bitterly disappointed as we are at the war's prolongation—the peace we long for ever receding—not otherwise, it must be admitted, could the world have learned of the infamy and perfidy of Germany, of the depth of her moral degradation, of the extent of her treacherous plottings.

Evil in its origin, cruel in its manifestations and appallingly tragical in its effect though the war has been, thoughtful men observe that the undaunted spirit of mankind rises above his environment.

"It matters not how straight the gate,
How charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the master of my fate
I am the captain of my soul."

The war has revealed heroic qualities of courage, self-sacrifice and a capacity for suffering in men of all nations. Patriotism has a new meaning. Womanhood has found herself. The peoples of the allied nations have achieved a respect and an understanding of each other not otherwise attainable than by the hard road of bloodshed for a common purpose. Individual citizens are being tested, and the test is often a wholesome one.

The events of the war have made a deep imprint upon Masonry everywhere. Earnest patriotic men, as true Masons must be, their emotions have been stirred by the agonized cry of mankind. In every lodge room there hangs a roll of honor, at once a tribute of respect to the brethren overseas and an inspiration to the brethren at home to "carry on" manfully. The member who has absented himself from lodge is sought out and reminded of his Masonic ties; the brethren who are ill or in distressed circumstances receive a degree of attention never before given; Masonry was never so practical; charitable funds were never better supported; the spirit of brotherhood is broad; the reaching out of mankind for closer contact with his fellows finds expression in a flood of applications for initiation.

The shadow of the war is upon every Grand Lodge communication and tinges every public Masonic address. Space will permit of a quotation from only a few of the many fine utterances on the subject.

M.W. Brother Hedley V. B Bridges, Grand Master of New Brunswick, speaks thus feelingly and eloquently:—

"It is for us in beginning the second half century of our "existence to re-dedicate our lives to all that is great and good "and true, and to realize more fully our responsibilities as Ma-"sons so that we may be found ready and anxious to contribute "our part in these strenuous times to our country's welfare and in "the amelioration of the community in which we live.

"Once more let me emphasize, that more than upon any "precept or regulation of Grand Lodge, the future welfare of "Freemasonry in our jurisdiction rests with each individual "brother in the careful observance of the principles of our order, "in the cultivation of true fraternal spirit, in the practice of Ma-"sonic charity, and in the constant endeavour by our lives to "convince those whom we daily meet, and with whom we associ-"ate, that we are the better for being Masons.

"Another year of supreme importance and anxiety has passed "by. Not for a day or an hour can we be forgetting the sense of "the awfulness of the tragedy of this war, which for nearly three "years has filled full the pages of the world's history.

"By day and in nightly vigils our thoughts are of the tramp "of men marching, the breath from breasts heaving, the din and "terror of modern warfare but partially realized by us, the wounded, the unnumbered dead, the dreary hospitals of pain, the relentless fury and vandalism of the enemy incomparable with that "of any other warfare, and above all of our brave soldiers, and "of the call for men and more men. 'This war is breaking my "heart,' said Lord Falkland, of the great Civil War in England, "and throughout this vast Empire the sorrow and anguish and "overpowering sense of loss in hundreds of thousands of homes is "breaking hearts and crushing mature life. But above all and "over all there is a calmness, full measure of faith as to the final "result. And we as Masons are not losing sight of fundamentals. "For truth, for liberty, for justice; against falsehood, against "slavery, against injustice, is this war being waged by the Allies, "and more than ever are the neutral nations of the earth realizing this.

" 'There is not a man among us,' says England's former "premier, "who does not breathe more freely now that the whole "English-speaking race is to fight as comrades, side by side, in "the most momentous struggle in history.' Through the clouds "of warfare, by faith, we can perceive what the future has in "store. More and more we realize that this war is a struggle of "democracy against the power of absolutism, of militarism—that "while in the upheaval of events monarch thrones, claimed by "divine right, may become as footstools, the ultimate peace will "be settled 'in the parliament of men, the federation of the "world.' And at last, through much tribulation, we shall fully "realize that 'God's in His Heaven and all's right with the "world.' "

Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, in a characteristically versed address to the Grand Lodge of New York, points out that privileges and duty, whether Masonic or National, cannot be divorced. He says:—

"There cannot be anything more infamous than a wicked "war, and there cannot be anything more glorious, more soul-"stirring, than to do one's duty in the great war for righteousness "now being waged, to the end that peace shall come and that it "shall be the peace of justice and of righteousness. We have "gone into this war with entire disinterestedness. We don't wish "a foot of land or a dollar of indemnity at the end. All we ask "to do is to render service to mankind, but we hope to earn for "ourselves the inestimable privilege of handing on to our children with added glory the heritage we received from our fathers.

"No man has any claim to rights if he does not perform "duties. We do not let a man continue to be a Mason and claim "the privileges of Masonry unless he performs the duties of "Masonry. It should be just exactly the same in citizenship. If "a man won't perform his duties to the State, he is not fit to "enjoy the privileges of citizenship in that State. Universal suffrage is defendable only when based on universal service—service in business and service in citizenship. If a man tells me "he is too conscientious to fight, I tell him I am too conscientious "to let him to vote. We do not accept conscientious objections "as excuses by Mr. Rockfeller for not paying his taxes. If I had "my way, I would make every young man in this country, as part "of his education, education for the tasks of peace just as much "as education for the tasks of war, fit himself after preliminary "training by actual service in the field with the colors in time "of peace to do his duty in time of war if war broke out. I "would have the son of a multi-millionaire and the son of a bricklayer, the son of a railroad president and the son of a brakeman "in the same camp, sleeping in the same dog tent, going on the "same hike, doing the same thing—and whichever of them showed that he had the right stuff would get the promotion. That is "the way to achieve the real democracy of rights which can only "come when based on democracy of ability, of duty. I believe in "that with all my heart.

"Now, brothers, it is a fine thing for a nation which treats "the possession of the heritage of mighty names in the past as a "spur toward good action in the present, but it is an evil thing for "that nation to have a heritage of noble achievements in the past "if it treats that achievement as an excuse for failure to achieve in "the present."

Bro. George E. Chamberlain, United States Senator from Oregon, and representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Oregon, in a communication to Grand Lodge written from Washington where he was in war duties, after dealing with the issues of the war in an exceptionally vigorous fasion, gives expression to a longing which has found a place in the hearts of thousands of Masons weary of war and its ghastly horrors;—

"The lessons of the battlefield have given more than one "illustration of the universality of Masonry. Brothers have "reached into and across the blood-stained trenches to alleviate "the pain or to cool the parched tongues of those with whom a "few moments before they were engaged in deadly strife. So "it has always been and will ever be. Are there no lessons to be "drawn from this universality? Is there no effort that Masonry "can put forth to bring this carnage to an end? Is there no "agency here or abroad which it can employ to teach the warring "millions the fathership of God and the brotherhood of man? Are "there not enough fires burning upon the altars of our beloved "order here and in other lands to radiate through the encircling "gloom and echo the message of Him who came to teach 'Peace "on earth, good will to men' "?

The answer is that the war could never have occurred if the German mind were capable of sane reasoning, but centuries of absolutism have ossified the soul, and the German of today is intelligence without conscience.

THE ENGLISH BI-CENTENARY

The English Bi-Centenary—the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England—which occurred in June, 1917, was made the occasion of many eloquent addresses. The event itself was of high importance. The war has plumbed the depths of men's hearts, has awakened sensibilities long dormant and has drawn together into a common purpose the men of many nations. Men whose hearts are charged with feeling always speak with effect. Emerson has told us that in his younger days one was sure of hearing an eloquent speech at an anti-slavery meeting.

The Bi-Centenary of English Masonry falling upon a time when the United States were newly allied with Britain in the greatest cause which ever drew nations into war, has inspired some of the most splendid sentiments from American Masons which the year's proceedings yield. Perhaps in the fore-front may be placed the searching and scholarly address of M.W. Bro. Fead, Grand Master of Michigan. Bro. Fead's address is at the same time a graphic description of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England and an admirable declaration of Masonic principles. It is not easy to cull passages from this splendid production; one desires to give the address in full. The following extract indicates the spirit of the whole:—

"When we view in retrospect the tremendous hindrances "which have beset the path of Masonry and note how calmly, "how surely, with what poise and dignity, and good will and "charity, it has brushed aside the obstacles and has gone its "way, we must be struck, not only with pride and admiration but "also with something akin to wonder. Unlike most other in"stitutions of its youth, it has used no fire, rope nor instrument "of torture. It has branded no man nor burned a woman. Its "weapons have been reason to convince the minds and love to "sway the souls of men, tempering everything with an abounding "charity. In spite of persecution directed against its very life, "it has held fast to its principles and has returned good for evil. "And this evening, as we pride ourselves upon the influence of "Masonry and its present honorable place in the esteem of men, "it is right and proper that we inquire what the institution has "stood for and has done and why, in spite of its humble beginning "and of the almost unlimited power arrayed against it, it has "lived and grown so abundantly in numbers and in deeds of "greatness.

"Masonic symbolism tells us that from the beginning of the "world there have been two primary principles working upon "humanity—the principles of Good and Evil. The principle of "Good has, for its purpose, the elevation of humanity by the development of the individual. It demands his freedom, not merely the striking of iron shackles from his body but also the larger "and more important freedom of his mind to think and his soul to "worship. It is the eternal foe of falsehood, slavery, ignorance, "superstitution, autocracy and whatever else keeps man in pitiable subjection. The principle of Evil works the degradation of "humanity by the enslavement of the individual. It subjects his "dreams and deeds to the control of an organization and forbids "him to think for himself and to worship as his concience decrees. It is the implacable foe of truth, freedom, education, "enlightmént, democracy and whatever else will enable man to "stand erect in his full stature.

"The forces of Evil have always been strongly intrenched. "Appealing largely to the material nature of humanity, they have "commanded wealth, armies, empires and have even corrupted "and used religious systems. The forces of Good have appealed "to Humanity's high aspirations and their weapons have been "education and enlightened spirituality. It is the object of the "principles to implant ideas in the minds of men. Man is not "enslaved by metal chains. By his ideas and ideals does he become bondman or free. Sometimes the principle of Evil, sustained by political power, has been in the ascendant. But the "principle of God is eternal, omnipresent, and will finally triumph. "Good must be the ultimate victor.

"In the everlasting battle between these principles, every "institution and man are aligned upon the one side or the other. "It is true, of course, that no institution or man is all Good or all "Evil. But it is also true that each has certain predominating "purposes, methods, characteristics and ideals which combine to "form a single basic idea—what might be called the fundamental "spirit of the institution or man. It is this basic idea by which "the alliance is determined."

R.W. Bro. Ossian Lang, Grand Historian of New York, deals with his subject in his usual thorough fashion. A bit of wisdom incidentally thrown into the historical sketch has present value, and follows:—

"The sustaining strength of an institution as of a people is "its history. Therein are to be found the sources of inspiration "and guidance for the present and the future. Moreover, this "history supplies balance and stability.

"History represents the working out of ideas. It reveals to "him who can read the program to be realized and the forces "at work to advance or check, vitalize or destroy, the realization. "It furnishes the key to the storehouse of the experience of the "past, the mistakes that were made, the victories won, the plans "left uncompleted, the ideas that have sustained the whole.

"Do you want to know what America stands for? Read "its history. Do you want to know whether democracy is destined to conquer the world? Read its history. "Do you want "to know whether right and justice will bear away the victory "over might allied with injustice? Read its history.

"Just so, if you want to know what our fraternity stands for, "whether it has a vital message for mankind and whether there is "work ahead for Freemasonry to do in the world, you must go to "its history for information."

The Grand Secretary of our nearest American Grand Lodge, R.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell of North Dakota, has given us one of the most interesting and practical accounts of the beginnings of Grand Lodge Masonry.

THE MISSION OF FREEMASONRY

To venture speculation upon the mission of Free Masonry to the times in which we live is an engaging task and productive of much wise thought and wholesome suggestion. M.W. Bro. A. H. Vield, Grand Master of Nebraska, associates the immediate future of the craft with the problems of the war in this fashion:—

"But what of the future? That Masonry in the past has been "one of the greatest elements for the uplift and benefit of mankind, there is no doubt, and its usefulness in the future is just "as certain. For if that time of universal peace ever comes, "Masonry must be its handmaiden; for just as it was instrumental in establishing liberty and free government, so must it by the "practice of its principles, the symbolizing of its emblems, be first "in the ranks of the onward march of the Prince of Peace.

"So, my brethren, let us not be dismayed. May God in his "goodness and wisdom so guide us that the principles we teach "and the influence we render will be such that their beauty and "potency will be acknowledged by all mankind, that the madness of war will cease, that out of this bitterness and hatred, "death and destruction, there will come a time of peace, love and "fraternity."

In the course of one of the outstanding addresses of the year, M.W. Bro. Keesling, Grand Master of California, comments on the scope of Masonic activities in this pertinent and timely manner:—

"There has been the ever-present desire 'to do something' to "put into practice Masonic precept. Frequently the Masonic plan, "as I conceive it, is misunderstood. Many of our well-intentioned "Brethren expect activity in concert. The opportunities for such "are infrequent and unimportant when compared to the great "Masonic activity—that which is manifested by individual achievement. Masonic glory will be the achievement of individual "Masons. The charity which we practice as Brethren, the fraternal relation which we feel, we eventually understood to be but "exemplars for our conduct in our relations with others whether "Masons or not. The Masonic mission is not limited to the perfection of the Masonic brotherhood. That is but an exemplification of beneficial results to emphasize the importance of the "practical extension of the brotherly relation among all men. Our "first great effort is to educate the initiate who learns by observation the beneficient results of practice of Masonic precept "among the Brethren, whereupon should follow the fullness of "understanding of such precepts put into practice generally and "of the value of educating those who are less fortunate. The "only satisfactory response to inquiry concerning the reasons for "Masonic secrecy is that it is merely a test of honor. That there "is nothing pernicious hidden is evidenced by the independence "of action of every Mason and his activity in all good works. We "fully understand that there can be no interference with a Mason's activities as an independent thinking being or as a citizen."

MASONIC GIVING

It has been observed that the persistent appeals for support for the patriotic fund, Red Cross societies and other war funds have touched the heart and loosened the purse strings of many men heretofore apparently callous to the needs of suffering humanity about them. The sympathy thus at last aroused has sought other objects of expression and workers in churches and hospitals have been surprised by the generosity and devotion of men not regarded as friendly to the cause. Wealth appears to be falling into its true place as a means to an end not an end in itself.

The committee on the Grand Master's address in Iowa seized the occasion of a grant to the Red Cross society to set out the principles of Masonic giving. The declaration is well expressed and is here quoted as appropriate to the Masons of Manitoba:—

"Masons, more than any other type of citizens, must come to "realize that the present emergency which faces our nation is a "challenge to our sense of brotherhood, to the whole machinery "of fraternal organization, and to our individual and collective "pocketbooks. There can be no greater lesson learned from Ma-

"sonry than the lesson of personal sacrifice in behalf of personal "distress. We must learn to give, to give freely, to give as we "are taught to give in the precepts of our fraternity, with every "principle upon which our institution is founded. Challenged by "the grasping fist of autocracy, wearing as a glove of mail the "doctrine that might makes right, we should be prepared to "mobilize every force at our command in behalf of those prin-"ciples. We must be prepared to give not merely from the trea-"sury of the Grand Lodge, but from our own individual funds, "those sums which guarantee (so far as this is possible) the lives "and comforts of those who go forth to battle in behalf of those "principles. Not only must we be prepared to give this thousand "dollars, but we should enforce that economy in the conduct of "our affairs which will enable us to uphold the fair name of "Masonry as an organization, and when this is done but a small "part of our real duty has been performed. We should go out "from this Grand Lodge carrying to our brethren and to the world "the message of loyalty, that loyalty which will result in deeds, "that loyalty which will subscribe for Liberty bonds, which will "support the Red Cross, and which will do its part to send to the "boys who go to the front in far off lands, as well as in our camps "of preparation at home, the influence of the Army Y.M.C.A. By "so much as we do these things will we be fulfilling the obliga-"tion of Masonry to humanity.

"Masonry can teach no greater lesson than that of giving "whole-heartedly, liberally, and joyously for the causes which our "fraternity has taught us to hold most dear. Therefore, as we "love Masonry, and as we love liberty, we must see to it that "every means at our command is utilized to the utmost; not for-"getting that of those who go to the front prepared to make the "supreme sacrifice, our own brothers will form a large and glori-"ous proportion."

NON-ATTENDANCE

The non-attendance of members is a perplexing problem to many lodges under various jurisdictions. The absentees are usually well scolded for their lack of interest in their lodge. M.W. Bro. Keesling of California, to whose unusually forceful address reference has already been made, places the blame elsewhere:—

"Poor attendance where it should be better is a symptom. I "do not feel apprehension that non-attendants are necessarily not "good Masons. We have too much evidence that many of our "most thorough Masons are non-attendants. Ordinarily such a "condition is due to the officers. Not necessarily incumbent of-"ficers—they may have inherited the condition. Remedies which "do not attack the root of the evil afford but temporary relief. "There has been a relaxation of vigilance. Inferior officers lack "personal magnetism. They are careless in exemplification of "the work, disregard the importance of punctuality in meeting

"and general looseness prevails. They do not maintain the dig-
"nity of, or the decorum so essential in, a Lodge. It has the
"effect of alienating strong members, failing to attract strong
"men who should be members and of admitting substandard
"material into the Fraternity."

No lodge whose officers have caught a vision of the opportunity for beneficient service which Masonry offers will suffer from the indifference of its membership. Let the absent brother be placed on a sick committee with instructions to visit a given home and report at the next meeting. Canvass him for a subscription to a benevolent fund, and he will discover the value of the lodge to the community and to himself. Lift the lodge out of its rut, place it on a higher plane,—the plane of service to its fellow citizens, to the State and to the world. Endow a ward in a hospital, give concerts at the children's home, furnish a Christmas feast for newsboys, form a study club, build a Masonic temple,—in short, undertake that form of service your community requires, and every member of your lodge who has red blood in his veins will experience a thrill of pride in his association with such a body of men; his personal interest and attendance is assured.

PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE

M.W. Bro. Meakle, Grand Master of New Jersey, voices the general complaint of Grand Lodge officers everywhere (Manitoba not excepted) that the proceedings of Grand Lodge are not read, in the following pertinent fashion:—

"It has been our rather bad business practice in previous
"years to print an edition of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge
"much larger than necessary. While it is true that they have
"been sent out to the lodges for distribution to members of the
"Grand Lodge entitled to receive them, it is also true that many
"copies go no further than the Secretaries' desks. If there are
"members of the Grand Lodge who do not care enough for the
"copy of the proceedings provided for them to carry them home,
"I see no good reason for the Grand Lodge to incur the needless
"expense year after year of an edition of the Proceedings larger
"than the circumstances seem to warrant. I therefore recom-
"mend that such a resolution of the Grand Lodge be enacted into
"law as will require members to notify the Grand Secretary with-
"in thirty days following the Annual Communication of their
"wish to receive a copy of the printed Proceedings, and that the
"edition be limited to the number necessary to fulfill the require-
"ments, together with a reasonable margin to cover possible con-
"tingencies.

"The present high cost of paper suggests the wisdom of
"such an enactment, besides the desirability of eliminating waste
"and unnecessary expense."

Bro. Meakle does not provide a remedy. He treats the trouble as incurable. Such lack of faith is hardly in accord with present day determination that our Masonry must be practical, beneficent, intelligible. Is there not in each lodge in Manitoba one member having the welfare of the craft sufficiently at heart to read to his lodge some part of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, for example, the report on the condition of Freemasonry. It is possible that a surprising interest in the activities of Grand Lodge might be aroused by such simple means.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

More than one Grand Master displays an inquiring interest in the utility of Grand Representatives. Their function, if such ever existed, like a certain custom, is now more honored in the breach than in the observance. Their presence at communication of Grand Lodge is rare. Their office is in evidence only to grace an ancient ceremony, usually somewhat hurriedly and perfunctorily performed. M.W. Bro. C. F. Jennings, Grand Master of Utah, makes an heroic attempt to galvanize this ancient institution into life. He submits the following report and recommendation:—

"From information submitted by our Grand Secretary, at "my request, it was found that some of the members of this "Grand Lodge, holding commissions from other Grand jurisdic-"tions near this Grand Lodge, had not attended any of our Grand "Communications for a number of years. In the case of the re-"presentative from Ohio, it appeared that he had not attended "any of our Communications during the past nine years, and in "other instances, the record was scarcely more favorable. Con-"sidering that it was impossible for the respective Grand Lodges "to be properly represented here under such conditions, and be-"lieving that the existing state of our National affairs necessitated "the closest possible relations with all of our Sister Jurisdictions. "I recommended to the Grand Masters of the several Jurisdictions, "the appointment of new representatives in each case where the "former representative had failed to attend our Communications "for a period of five years or more.

"While I regret the apparent necessity for making these "changes, I trust that this action may stimulate those of our mem-"bers holding commissions from other Grand Jurisdictions, to "take an active interest in the performance of that duty. The "representatives can be of immeasurable value to the sisterhood "of Grand Lodges during the present trying times, and it is a "duty which they owe to both Grand Lodges to see that their "obligation is properly discharged."

The Grand Lodge of Arkansas prints with its proceedings written reports received from half a dozen of its representatives near sister Grand Lodges. Such a report would seem to represent the least duty which the Grand Representative owes to the office he has assumed, and the courtesy of the Grand Lodge from which he has received his appointment.

THE MISSION OF MASONRY

The M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, says, and his remarks are pertinent to the times:—

"We sometimes hear it said by the enemies of Truth that "Masonry seeks to exercise power, both temporal and spiritual. "Masonry seeks no such powers. It yearns not for pomp of office, whether exercised by regal hands or a representative elected "by the people. It puts forth no candidate nor supports any political party or policy. It numbers among its devotees royalists "and republicans, the subjects of despots and the citizens of "democracies. It stretches forth no hand to bestow a crown, nor "to pluck the laurel wreath from the brow of constituted authority. Masonry not only teaches its members loyalty and obedience to constituted authority, but many of the cardinal principles of civil life, without which good government could not "exist. It teaches that free speech, free thought and freedom of "conscience are essential to the progress and well being of all "Masons and the liberty of all people. It should not be unduly "restricted even by government or any other power. Masonry "by its teachings endeavors to restrain men from the commission of injustice and acts of wrong. It is an advocate of education, enlightenment and morality. It teaches the nobility and "dignity of labor; that to work with the hands or brain, to perform your duties earnestly and faithfully is more honorable than "rank of title, and out of which grow true manhood and genuine "nobility."

Bro. Frank L. Loveland of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in an outburst of imagery, defines the spirit of Masonry thus beautifully:—

"The red heart of Masonry is and must be the pulsing life "of a decent and orderly civilization. It is the intangible, immaterial and indefinable something that gives beauty to a rose, "inspiration to a song, grandeur to a temple, glory to character, "and enduring nobility to a nation's life."

MASONIC PHRASEOLOGY

Masons are obligated to preserve the ancient landmarks of the Order. True lovers of the craft will strive to maintain all customs peculiarly Masonic, whether they have the force of landmarks or not. Phrases endeared by long association, terms which have a flavor of antiquity, habits which indicate that Masonry has a history—these give character to our proceedings and differentiate Masonry from ephemeral associations of man. The centuries' old cathedral whose stones are mellow with age, draped in its ivy green, possesses a beauty and charm with which no modern structure can vie: so the beautiful garments with which Masonry is clothed set off the nobility of its form and give dignity to its action.

M.W. Bro. Roane, Grand Master of South Dakota, sensing a tendency to belittle or supercede our characteristic phraseology, very aptly deals with one phase of the subject;—

"In my correspondence with the various Lodges in our Juris-"diction, I have observed that Communications are almost in-"variably spoken of as 'meetings.' I have also noted that through-"out the official By-laws of the Grand Lodge the same careless "misuse of terms obtains. In my conversations with many old "and otherwise well informed members of the Fraternity, I have "learned that they have always been accustomed to use the terms "regular and special meeting, and many of them have come to "believe that the word Communication is only used to designate "the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

"The same careless and incorrect use of the terms regular "and special meeting prevails very largely throughout many "Jurisdictions other than our own; showing that Masons gener-"ally have become very lax in this regard. If this unfortunate "condition is suffered to continue, the use of the good old Masonic "word 'Communication' with the proper prefix Stated, Special, "and Festival, will ultimely become obsolete; and the Fraternity "as a whole will lose terms that have a peculiar Masonic meaning.

"The coming together of Masons in their character as Ma-"sons, is termed a Communication. The regular monthly or semi-"monthly meetings of a Lodge are designated Stated Communi-"cations. The meetings of a Lodge at other times are called "Special Communications, whether for the purpose of conferring "degrees, conducting funerals, trials, or for other purposes. The "meetings on the days consecrated to St. John the Baptist and "St. John the Evangelist are Festival Communications. Thus the "terms Stated, Special and Festival Communications cover all the "meetings of a Masonic Lodge, and should invariably be used in "writing or speaking, to the exclusion of the plebeian word 'meet-"ing.' "

"A Lodge of Masons therefore has a peculiar and appropri-"ate term to designate its official coming together; a term that "has dignity, character, and meaning; a term that is not indis-"criminately applied to the meetings of other assemblies of men "or organizations; but one which when spoken or written, declares "at once its Masonic significance.

"I earnestly desire that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge "of South Dakota shall set the example to the Masonic world of "returning to the proper use of the words Stated, Special and "Festival Communication, and I therefore strongly recommend "that this Grand Body orders its Grand Secretary to notify the "Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to forthwith discontinue the use of the words regular and special meeting, and "substitute therefore the terms Stated and Special Communication, making henceforth the use of these terms obligatory. I "also recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to make "the same changes in the wording of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, "Code and Forms, and Digest, when a new issue of the same is "made."

HISTORY OF LODGES

The historian's task would be a light one if each generation preserved satisfactory records of its own activities. The pioneer regarded his life as a commonplace one and his accomplishments as merely a day's work done. His successors secure but a blurred picture of those romantic days. Shakespeare's contemporaries solemnly discussed the relative merits of the great poet's work and the productions of his rivals. The present fails to give perspective.

In years to come the history of the Masonic lodges of these days will have interest to our children. In few instances are efforts being made to preserve a faithful representation of the character and personality of our lodges. Some of the Grand Lodges are engaged in a compilation of the historical data of their constituent lodges. An extract from the report of the Grand Secretary of Kansas will indicate methods:—

"Believing that the collection of individual data from each "and every lodge will prove of inestimable value as the years "pass by, the work of assembling this information was begun "several years ago, the introductory part thereof being a blank "form asking for specific information concerning the general "conditions surrounding the individual lodge.

"Many of our Secretaries appreciated the importance of this "work and were prompt in complying with the request of the "Grand Secretary, and in addition to this information also supplied copies of their By-laws, old and new, interior and exterior pictures of their present quarters, as well as buildings in "which the lodge had possibly been located in years gone by, and "other information which aids materially in the compilation of "this work.

"This department was not urged by the Grand Secretary in "view of the limited quarters occupied by the Grand Lodge, but "the new building is now completed and has been provided with "a number of cases for historical purposes, among which are ten "handsome oak cases containing 450 drawers, which provide "ample accommodation for this department. In these cases have "been filed. in order of lodge numbers, all the above data and re-"cords received up to date. However, further communications "will be addressed to the lodges on this subject by the Grand "Secretary, and it is earnestly hoped they will receive the atten-"tion they so justly deserve.

"In connection with the foregoing subject of History of "Lodges, it is recommended that a Research and History Depart-"ment be added thereto, with a view of compiling a complete "history of each lodge, including biographical reference to the "brethren who were the first officers, and others instrumental "in bringing about the organization. Such a department as this "has been established in the Grand Lodge of Texas through a "special committee on this subject.

In presenting this matter to their Grand Lodge, the Commit-"tee makes direct reference to the subject in the following "words:—

> " 'We are like a goodly company of travelers visiting an ancient ruin, where, lying all about us, are interesting and instructive relics, and which we neither see nor gather up, to add them to our store of riches, but pass them by as of no value.
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> If we would but look, there are on every hand abundant facilities for enriching our lives with the unsurpassable inheritances of our old Fraternity, such as are possessed by no other society in the world, and which have come down to us, in all their glory, from the remotest ages.' "

SECRECY OF BALLOT

There is no Lodge whose members will not declare that the inviolate secrecy of the ballot is preserved therein. Yet there would appear to be degrees of inviolability. Habits of carelessness develop, and customs differ. In one Jurisdiction it is permissible to explain that one has cast a blackball. In another the merits of the candidate are made the subject of debate before the ballot is spread.

M.W. Bro. Albert Berg, the Grand Master of Minnesota, stands for the most scrupulous adherence to the terms of the constitution. After calling attention to our duty to observe the secrecy of the ballot conscientiously and reciting the tragical result of one failure to do so, he remarks:—

"Extenuating circumstances for these violations of our law "may be found in the fact that some foreign jurisdictions take a "different view-point of the secrecy of the ballot than we do. I "have visited in a jurisdiction where the Master, previous to "spreading the ballot on a petition, asked the brethren to state if "they had anything to say in favor of or against the petitioner.

"In another jurisdiction I was present when, after the ballot had "been cast and declared, and the petitioner rejected, a P.G.M., "sitting in the East, arose and in indignant and scathing terms "denounced the members who had cast the black balls for their "cowardly act in not arising and giving their reasons for so doing. Taking a charitable view of the matter, I surmise, "brethren have fallen into these violations through applying the "customs of other jurisdictions and suggestions gathered from "self-styled 'Masonic' Journals.

"It is recommended to you, my brethren, that you study the "Constitution and Regulations of our own Grand Lodge to the "exclusion of other Grand Lodges, until you are proficient and "well versed in our laws, so that you can with discretion read "other Constitutions and Regulations for comparison."

Bro. Berg's comment reads like a slam at a prevailing custom in Manitoba.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS

No subject is of more present general interest than the traditional attitude of Masons towards the physical qualifications of her candidates. With so many fine fellows returning from the war partially crippled and seeking membership in our lodges, there naturally arises a feeling that a strict requirement of perfect physical condition is irrational, harsh and prejudicial to the best interests of the craft. A very widespread view is thus expressed by M.W. Bro. H. C. Miller, Grand Master of Alabama:—

"One of the lessons of the Initiate is that 'it is the internal "and not the external qualifications of a man which recommends "him to be made a Mason,' and yet we are prone to overlook any "little stain on the moral character and waive any defect in the "mental ability of the petitioner which renders him incapable of "properly understanding or comprehending the principles of our "Fraternity. We are not willing to sit in judgment upon the "intellectual attainments—or rather the lack of them—of one "who desires to connect himself with our ancient and honorable "institution, but we never overlook a stiff knee or waive the loss "of a foot or the first joint of a thumb. In so doing we deny "membership to many men of big brain and warm hearts; men "of good moral character; men whose mental ability and intellectual attainments should be of great benefit to the craft "and of greater benefit to the world by reason of their association "with us and their help in the great work in which we are engaged.

"The requirement that an acceptable petitioner shall be per-"fect in member, comes to us from the days of operative Masonry, "when there were probably good reasons therefor, but has little "to commend it and so much to condenm it. It is time to modify "it, even at the risk of shattering what might be termed a land-"mark.

"I believe that intellectually, morally and socially the effect "upon the candidate and upon the craft would be beneficial if by "amending or modifying the present law concerning physical per-"fection or qualifications we look more closely into the intellec-"tual, moral and social qualifications of the petitioner, and admit "those only who are worthy and well qualified from these stand-"points and waive such slight physical requirements as now pro-"hibit the reception of a petitioner who cannot perfectly "exemplify."

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. CROSSIN, Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Norman E. Johnston (19), the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor at 10 o'clock p.m., until 10 o'clock, a.m., Thursday, June 13th.

Second Day = Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PROBLEMS OF A COUNTRY LODGE.

The discussion was opened by R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, followed by R.W. Bro. Robert J. Mills, R.W. Bro. Rowland H. Brotherhood, R.W. Bro. Benjamin E. Rothwell and W. Bro. Jacob Anderson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:-

Since the last Annual Report of the Committeee on Benevolence, fifteen applications have been made for grants from the Relief Fund. Of these applications the Committee found assistance necessary in eleven cases, one was directed to be held pending further information and three were refused.

Th Committee has exercised the greatest care in considering the cases submitted and is satisfied that the grants from the fund were made only in worthy cases. The sum of $217.00 has been granted by the Committee up to the date of this report. The total monthly payments from the fund now amount to $160.00.

The work of the Committee during the past year has , we think, served to demonstrate the real need for money to assist our deserving members and their dependents.

Investigation of the applications for relief has revealed the fact that sickness or death has reduced some of our members or their dependents to extreme distress. It is gratifying to the Committee to know that the noble response of the Craft to the appeal for funds provides the means to relieve this distress.

The Committee is pleased to record the fact that constituent Lodges gradually observe the rule in regard to granting relief from Lodge funds. In some cases this relief has been supplemented by personal gifts from the Lodge members. We especially commend this latter feature to the Masons throughout our Jurisdiction more particularly to those in communities where Lodge work is inactive or the Lodge funds somewhat low.

The Committee desire to record its appreciation of the admirable work performed by the Sick Visiting Board of the Winnipeg Lodges. This Board has rendered valuable assistance to the Committee by investigating and reporting on cases for relief. Its members have arranged visits to all sick Masons in Winnipeg hospitals and they take a deep and personal interest in all who require sympathy and consolation. The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the members of this Board.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

The Committee has made the following grants from this Fund:-

Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina	$100.00
French Red Cross Fund	100.00
Canadian Field Comforts	100.00
Manitoba Red Cross	600.00
Halifax Relief Fund	501.25
Manitoba Serbian Relief	250.00
Polish Relief Committee	250.00
Young Men's Christian Association	308.63

These payments exhaust the amount placed at the Committee's disposal.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

The Committee reports that all preliminary steps have been taken by the majority of the Lodges in District No. One to conduct an Employment Bureau. But no active work will be undertaken until recognition is given by the Grand Lodge. The subject will be submitted for consideration by the Committee on the Constitution.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. N. JACKSON,
Chairman

On motion of R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), seconded by V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. The Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir & Brethren:-

Your Committee have considered the Report submitted by the Grand Librarian and beg to report,-

It is gratifying to learn that throughout the jurisdiction, particularly in our rural communities, our members are evincing a greater desire for fuller information relative to the history and symbolism of the Craft. The increased demand for the Travelling Library sets is encouraging and it would indeed be helpful to your Committee if members would from time to time make suggestions as to further additional volumes for the Travelling Sets.

Your Committee considers that great progress within our ranks as a whole, and added knowledge to the individual Mason would result, if a considerable number of our members would subscribe for one or other of the high class Masonic journals which are published regularly. Two in particular would we mention. "The Builder," issued by the Masonic Research Committee, Animosa Iowa, and "The American Freemason," issued at Storm Lake, Iowa.

The thanks of this Grand Lodge is due to the donors of the various publications mentioned in our Librarian's report whilst the generosity of the Lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple in furnishing monthly magazines is appreciated by all who visit the building.

We would ask the usual grant of fifty dollars for the purpose of purchasing additional books for the library.

Fraternally Submitted,
W. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve (12), the report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:-

Your Committee on the Grand Master's Address beg to report as follows:

Your Committee endorse the eloquent and forceful words in which the Grand Master expresses the duty of Masonry to support in every way the efforts that civilization is making itself against the attacks of the barbarian.

We recognize with him the great loss the Grand Lodge has sustained in the death of our Most Worshipful Brothers George W. Baker and John McKechnie, both of whom were widely known and greatly beloved.

We are in entire accord with him when he congratulates Grand Lodge on the success which has met the efforts of the brethren in the collection of the Bi-centenary Fund, and in his expression of the great obligation of the brethren to Worshipful Brother W.R. McConnell, the assiduous and efficient secretary of the Committee of the Fund, but we wish to remind Grand Lodge that to the Grand Master himself a great amount of credit is due for his skilful organization of the tactical forces at his command.

Your Committee regret the necessity that impelled the Grand Master to take decisive action in respect to the contumacy of an unnamed worshipful master of an unnamed lodge, and trust that Grand Lodge will recognize that the whole difficulty has been explained and adjusted without prejudice to the Masonic future of any brother or any lodge, and recommend that the action of the Grand Master be sustained.

Your Committee note with approval the Grand Master's reference to the enterprise of Northern Light Lodge No. 10 in arranging an international meeting to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into Manitoba.

We concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master that the physical disqualifications of applicants for initiation should be carefully considered at this session, and a definite policy laid down for future guidance.

Your Committee may be permitted to say that the activity of the Grand Master in the interests of the Craft, as shown by his attendance at many meetings throughout the year, is most commendable and sets a high standard for his successors in the Grand East.

Your Committee are in complete accordance with the Grand Master when he pleads for a wider recognition of the educational possibilities of Freemasonry, and a more extended application of its principles to human endeavour. His cogent expression of the obvious necessity for a more extended use of the Masonic force if its vitality is to be conserved is sound when examined both by philosophy and the widely accepted principles of organic evolution. Your Committee recommend that the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be hereby directed to take especial note of this part of the Grand Master's address, and to use their best endeavours to embody his ideas as there expressed in the Masonic teaching disseminated by the Committee throughout this Grand jurisdiction.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Master's suggestion for more latitude in the discussion of social topics for educational purposes in lodges be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for an opinion of its constitutional aspects.

Fraternally submitted

H. E. BLETCHER,
Convener.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:-

The report of the Grand Secretary for the past year is well worthy of our consideration.

Although the books of Grand Lodge were closed on March 31st, the report shows that at that date approximately $36,000.00 has been paid by our members on their subscriptions to the Bi-

Centenary Fund. This is an excellent testimony to their interest in the objects of the Fund.

Your Committees is pleased to note that considerable growth has taken place in the membership. Both the initiations and affiliations are considerably larger than those recorded in the previous year, while there is practically no change in the number of suspensions and dimits.

A total increase of two hundred and seven is shown.

A further welcome evidence of the growth of the Craft is the formation of Empire Lodge in the City of Winnipeg.

Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodges of Quebec, Texas and Queensland have been appointed.

Your Committee is pleased to note that five members of this Grand Lodge have been honored by their appointment as Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Mississippi, Connecticut, New Brunswick and Western Australia.

Four dispensations have been granted to act on the application of candidates who were suffering from physical disability. It would appear that all these applicants have suffered injuries as a result of the war. Your Committee deplores the fact that men who have gallantly fought and bled in the defence of the Empre should require a special dispensation to enter the portals of Masonry. It is to be hoped that Grand Lodge will take some action in the matter at this Communication.

Eighty-eight members of the Craft in this jurisdiction passed to the Great Beyond during the year. Many of these brethren answered the call of the Empire and willingly gave their lives in defending the cause of humanity. Grand Lodge will honor their memory.

Your Committee desire to express their appreciation of the work of the Grand Secretary and to testify to the faithful and efficient services rendered by him to the Craft in this jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted

W. J. MAJOR,
Chairman.

On motion of V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.10 o'clock p.m., until 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

LUNCHEON

On invitation of the Past Master's Association, the brethren adjourned to the Fort Garry Hotel for Luncheon, after which an address was delivered by W. Bro. Will Gibben, Past Master of Ionic Lodge, No. 25.

Second Day = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13th, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report as follows:—

There are 77 chartered Lodges on the Grand Register; 48 Lodges are represented by their own Officers, 12 Lodges by proxy, and 21 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 125 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 294.

Your Committee find the Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented as follows:—

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	1	--	1	8	--	11
2	Lisgar	1	--	1	2	--	5
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	1	4	--	7
4	St. John's	1	1	1	9	--	12
6	Emerson	--	--	1	1	--	4
7	Assiniboine	--	--	1	2	--	5
8	King Solomon	--	--	--	2	1	5
9	Oakland	1	--	--	1	--	4
10	Northern Light	1	1	--	6	--	9
11	Gladstone	--	--	1	2	--	5
12	Stonewall	1	1	--	5	--	8
13	Belmont	--	--	1	1	--	4
14	Prince of Wales	--	--	--	3	1	4
15	Corinthian*	--	--	--	2	--	1
19	Brandon	--	--	--	3	1	6
24	Neepawa	--	1	--	3	--	6
25	Ionic	1	--	1	11	--	14
27	Glenwood	--	--	--	3	1	6
29	Carberry	1	--	--	1	--	4
30	Manitou	1	--	--	1	--	4
36	Doric*	--	--	--	--	--	--
39	Birtle	--	1	--	--	--	3
40	Deloraine	1	--	--	1	--	4
43	Lebanon	--	--	1	--	--	3
44	Oak. Lake*	--	--	--	--	--	--
48	Glenboro	1	--	--	1	--	4
49	Temple	1	--	--	1	--	4
50	Killarney	--	--	--	1	--	1
51	Treherne	1	1	--	3	--	6
52	Hartney	1	--	--	--	--	3
54	Oriental*	--	--	--	1	--	1
55	East Star	1	1	1	1	--	4
62	Russell	1	--	--	1	--	3
63	Holland*	1	--	--	2	--	2
64	Composite	--	--	--	--	1	3
67	Wawanesa*	--	--	--	--	--	--
68	Vermillion*	--	--	--	--	--	--
70	Shiloh*	--	--	--	1	--	1
71	Crystal	--	--	--	2	1	5
74	Elkhorn	1	--	--	2	--	5
75	Gothic	--	--	--	2	1	5
77	Napinka*	--	--	--	--	--	--
82	Cypress	1	--	--	3	--	6
84	Hamiota	1	--	--	1	--	4
86	Elgin*	--	--	--	--	--	--
87	Rathwell*	--	--	--	--	--	--

*Unrepresented.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
90	Midlothian*	--	--	--	1	--	--
92	Shoal Lake	--	--	--	1	1	4
93	King Edward*	1	--	--	1	--	1
94	Hiram	--	--	--	1	1	4
99	Lauder*	--	--	--	--	--	--
100	Robbie Burns	--	--	--	1	1	4
101	Binscarth*	--	--	--	1	--	1
102	Miniota	1	--	--	1	--	4
103	Crescent	1	--	--	1	--	4
104	Reston*	--	--	--	--	--	--
105	Prince Arthur	--	1	--	3	--	4
106	Strathclair	1	--	--	--	--	3
107	Lansdowne	--	--	--	1	1	4
108	Union	--	--	--	1	1	4
109	Swan Lake	1	--	--	1	--	4
110	Kilwinning	1	--	--	--	--	4
111	Acacia	1	--	1	3	--	3
112	Ophir	1	1	--	--	--	6
113	Tweed	1	--	--	5	--	8
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	--	6	--	9
115	Rivers	1	--	--	1	--	4
116	St. Andrews*	--	--	--	--	--	--
117	Strathcona	1	--	--	--	--	3
118	Mound*	--	--	--	--	--	--
119	Norwood	1	--	--	1	--	4
120	Penza	1	1	--	5	--	8
121	St. James	1	1	--	--	--	3
122	Roblin*	--	--	--	2	--	2
123	Transcona	1	1	--	--	--	3
124	The Pas*	--	--	--	--	--	--
125	Patricia	--	1	--	--	--	3
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*Unrepresented.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11), seconded by R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BI-CENTENARY FUND

To the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Bi-Centenary Contribution to the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund beg leave to submit herewith a statement of the work accomplished during the year.

As you are aware, this Committee was appointed for the purpose of presenting to the brethren of this jurisdiction, an appeal to increase our present Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund to at least the amount of $100,000.00. We met several times during the months of July and August and formulated the plan of campaign, and arranged to have the Lodges visited by brethren who would address the members, enthuse them for work, and formally launch the campaign in their Lodge. This plan has been very successful, and in most cases the brethren have responded in a manner that does them credit, although in some instances it was necessary to do a considerable amount of follow up work to get the lodge in question to take the canvass up without unnecessary delay and push it to an early and successful conclusion. All lodges but two were visited by our organizers. I wrote these two at length setting out the objects of the appeal and asking them to complete a canvass of their members without delay, and I am glad to be able to say that both these lodges have been successful in raising the amount of their allotments.

We are indebted to the following brethren for their assistance in presenting the appeal throughout the various lodges. They gave their assistance cheerfully and without remuneration, and only by their loyal and devoted work has it been possible to make the campaign a success:

A. J. Hatcher, E. M. Walker, Alex. McIntyre, P. E. Kellett, Wm. Chambers, Wm. Fenwick, A. L. Crossin, H. J. J. Smith, R. J. Mills, Henry Burke, John W. Smith, M. C. McKinnon, A. S. Thompson, Albert Malcolmson, C. H. Burns, Norman McDougall, H. J. Pugh, E. T. Greenway, T. G. Bethel, H. D. Adolph, W. J. Major, A. E. Boyle, Lorne J. Elliott, John Wemyss, Wm. Conner, A. S. Argue, Chas. F. Hasselfield, J. W. Gordon and John T. Dale.

Particular credit is due to R. W. Brother A. J. Hatcher who with his assistants arranged for the entire organization of Districts 5 and 7, Brother Hatcher visiting and organizing eleven of the lodges himself. We are also under a debt of gratitude to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for the invaluable assistance and advice that they have given us on all occasions. They gave a great deal of impetus to the campaign while they were on their official visits, and with their intimate knowledge of the lodges and their members, they have been able to give us much information and advice of a helpful nature.

The great majority of our lodges took the appeal up enthusiastically, and as a result of the generosity and sacrifice of their members, subscriptions to the amount of $72,418.55 have been received. It will thus be seen that we have considerably passed our objective and for this happy result special commendation is due to the brethren of District No. 1, who not only raised the full amount asked of them, but $16,217.30 in addition.

The Total expenses in connection with the campaign were $767.00, made up as follows:

Printing and stationery	$521.90
Travelling expenses of organizers	203.05
Exchange on cheques	42.05
Total	$767.00

All assistance in connection with the campaign has been freely given, without monetary consideration, and some of the organizers have even refrained from sending in an account for their expenses, although asked to do so.

The standing of the Aged and Indigent Masons' Fund as at June 8th, 1918, was as follows:

Mortgage investments	$39,204.23
Government war bonds	50,840.00
Cash	9,664.37
Unpaid subscriptions	17,361.52
Total	$ 117,080.12

There are still quite a number of unpaid subscriptions and we would urge upon the lodge secretaries that they should give this their close attention and endeavor to have the balance paid at an early date.

Some of our lodges have failed to raise the full amount of their allotment, although a number of these have promised to make a further canvass in the Fall. In most cases we believe that failure has been due to a lack of proper appreciation of the necessity and usefulness of this Fund, and a consequent lack of enthusiasm. We would therefore recommend that these lodges be asked by this Grand Lodge to raise the balance of their allotments before December 1st, 1918, and that the Board of General Purposes be authorized and requested to make all necessary arrangements for presenting again the appeal to the lodges in question, and the subscription and collection of these further contributions. When our brethren are offering their lives on the blood stained fields of France and Flanders, and others at home have made the comparatively small sacrifice of a fair contribution to this Fund, then we feel that it is time that those who have not done their share in this great work, the first great call that Masonry has made on its members in this Province, should have the matter again placed fairly before them, and be asked to do their duty. When some lodges have doubled their allotment, surely none will fall short if given two years in which to raise their share.

We believe that it was a most happy inspiration of the Grand Master when he recommended to Grand Lodge that this appeal should be launched at the present time. Not only has our fund for benevolent purposes been trebled, but we believe that the sacrifice and organization necessary to make the canvass a success, has aroused in the members of the several lodges an enthusiasm and zeal that must have a permanent uplifting effect for good upon the Craft in this Province. This is the first great appeal that Masonry has made to its members in this Province, and the measure of our sacrifice and endeavor will be the gauge of our appreciation of the tenets and principles for which our Order stands.

Appended hereto is a list of the contributions made by the several lodges and districts arranged in the order of the percentage of allotment subscribed by each of them.

We wish to express our appreciation of the assistance of many faithful members situated throughout the whole jurisdiction, for the whole hearted manner in which they organized and arranged the canvass in their several lodges, and also to the brethren who have so generously and freely contributed of their means toward this most worthy cause. Your Committee took up this work with the hope that they would have the hearty support of our whole membership in the carrying out of the same, and this expectation has been in a large measure realized. Our work has been a labor of love and we are more than gratified with the result.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

W. R. McCONNELL
Chairman, Bi-Centenary Fund Committee.

On motion of W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), seconded by W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott (10), the report of the Committee on the Bi-Centenary Fund was received and adopted.

STATEMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BI-CENTENARY FUND

Over 200 Per Cent.

Lodge Number	Name	Allotment	Subscribed	Percentage of Allotment
4	St. John's (Winnipeg)	$ 4,020.00	$10,026.55	249
114	"The Assiniboine" (Winnipeg)	2,540.00	5,828.20	229
U.D.	Favel (Minitonas)	110.00	221.00	200
	Over 150 Per Cent.			
10	Northern Light (Winnipeg)	2,340.00	4,100.00	175
112	Ophir (Beausejour)	300.00	500.00	166
121	St. James	620.00	950.00	155
1	Prince Rupert's (Winnipeg)	4,210.00	6,554.45	155
	Over 100 Per Cent.			
12	Stonewall	700.00	1,043.00	149
25	Ionic (Winnipeg)	3,220.00	4,518.93	140
3	Ancient Landmark (Wpg.)	4,100.00	5,131.50	125
55	East Star (Gretna)	380.00	456.00	120
92	Shoal Lake	600.00	715.00	119
11	Gladstone	590.00	687.00	116
44	Oak Lake	460.00	522.25	113
116	St. Andrew's (Wellwood)	250.00	278.00	111
124	The Pas	180.00	200.00	111
122	Roblin	280.00	310.00	110
82	Cypress (Cypress River)	300.00	330.00	110
93	King Edward (Winnipeg)	2.540.00	2,791.47	109
64	Composite (Alexander)	490.00	517.50	105
103	Crescent (Elm Creek)	380.00	400.00	105
120	Penza (Dominion City)	300.00	310.00	103
123	Transcona	530.00	544.00	102
113	Tweed (Brandon)	1,080.00	1,100.00	101
51	Treherne	540.00	546.00	101
2	Lisgar (Selkirk)	880.00	880.00	100
8	King Solomon (Morris)	690.00	690.00	100
15	Corinthian (Rapid City)	480.00	480.00	100
30	Manitou	500.00	500.00	100
39	Birtle	460.00	460.00	100
71	Crystal (Crystal City)	440.00	440.00	100
86	Elgin	500.00	500.00	100
118	Mound (Pilot Mound)	350.00	350.00	100
9	Oakland (Carman)	710.00	710.00	100
40	Deloraine	930.00	930.00	100
49	Temple (MacGregor)	500.00	500.00	100
50	Killarney	640.00	640.00	100
54	Oriental (Melita)	530.00	530.00	100
70	Shiloh (Roland)	450.00	450.00	100
77	Napinka	300.00	300.00	100

Lodge Number	Name	Allotment	Subscribed	Percentage of Allotment
100	Robbie Burns (Gilbert Plns.)	340.00	340.00	100
105	Prince Arthur (Swan River)	340.00	520.00	100
106	Strathclair	400.00	400.00	100
119	Norwood	940.00	940.00	100
	Under 100 Per Cent.			
110	Kilwinning (Minto)	390.00	370.00	94
62	Russell	610.00	472.00	93
84	Hamiota	620.00	540.00	87
19	Brandon	1,890.00	1,615.00	85
6	Emerson	610.00	503.50	82
111	Acacia (Winnipeg)	1,080.00	862.00	79
125	Patricia (Sperling)	190.00	150.00	78
14	Prince of Wales (Minnedosa)	890.00	686.00	77
43	Lebanon (Virden)	680.00	510.50	75
101	Binscarth	410.00	304.00	74
109	Swan Lake	260.00	180.00	69
87	Rathwell	310.00	213.00	68
13	Belmont (Morden)	560.00	375.00	66
104	Reston	740.00	480.00	64
74	Elkhorn	750.00	458.00	61
102	Miniota	340.00	210.25	61
63	Holland	710.00	427.00	60
75	Gothic (Austin)	310.00	187.00	60
115	Rivers	630.00	367.25	58
107	Lansdowne (Griswold)	380.00	220.00	57
52	Hartney	630.00	348.00	55
7	Assiniboine (P. la Prairie)	1,540.00	764.00	49
29	Carberry	690.00	335.00	48
27	Glenwood (Souris)	970.00	449.50	46
24	Neepawa	1,220.00	564.00	46
48	Glenboro	350.00	159.00	45
117	Strathcona (Belmont)	350.00	153.00	43
99	Lauder	270.00	100.00	40
67	Wawanesa	370.00	125.00	33
94	Hiram (Grandview)	420.00	130.00	30
68	Vermillion (Dauphin)	1,860.00	426.00	22
90	Midlothian (Miami)	710.00	140.00	19
36	Doric (Boissevain)	970.00	187.50	19
108	Union (Brookdale)	440.00	66.00	15
	Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers		100.00	
	Total	$64,760.00	$72,418.55	111%

Recapitulation by Districts

Number	Allotment	Subscribed	Percentage
1	$27,010.00	$43,227.30	160
10	2,980.00	3,502.50	117
5	5,440.00	4,734.50	87
7	5,730.00	4,943.25	86
3	2,590.00	2.075.00	80
4	4,390.00	3,422.50	79
6	4,330.00	3,077.50	71
8	3,040.00	1,908.00	62
2	5,540.00	3,381.00	60
9	3,710.00	2,147.00	58
Total	$64,760.00	$72,418.55	111

Since the above report was compiled the following additional subscriptions have been received:—

6	Emerson	$ 106.50
7	Assiniboine	116.00
19	Brandon	275.00
25	Ionic	50.00
43	Lebanon	48.00
84	Hamiota	47.00
99	Lauder	10.00
104	Reston	163.50
108	Union	20.00
109	Swan Lake	10.00
117	Strathcona	197.00
	Total	$1,043.00

This completes the allotment for Emerson Lodge No. 6, Brandon Lodge No. 19, and Strathcona Lodge No. 117.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with Section 11 of the Constitution the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Winnipeg.

TESTIMONIAL TO PERCY E. KELLETT, P.G.M.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), seconded by R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a Past Grand Master's Chain, Collar and Jewel for presentation to M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, P.G.M.

RANK OF PAST D.D.G. MASTER

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), the Rank of Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

ESTATES OF DECEASED BRETHREN

It was moved by R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25) and

Resolved:—That the matter of looking after the interests of the estates of deceased brethren, belonging to Constituent Lodges of this Grand Lodge and the proper administration of the affairs be submitted to the Board of General Purposes for the purpose of working out a scheme for guidance.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIEF FUND

It was moved by V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), seconded by W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle, and

Resolved—

1. That all moneys and securities now at the credit of the Aged and Indigent Mason's Fund and the Bi-Centenary Contribu-

tion to the same, together with all subsequent moneys and securities contributed to that Fund be, and the same are hereby declared to belong and form part of the Benevolent Fund.

2. That all moneys now at the credit of the Fund known as the Benevolent Fund and all interest which may hereafter be received from the securities of the Aged and Indigent Mason's Fund and the Bi-Centenary Contribution to the Aged and Indigent Mason's Fund be and the same are hereby declared to belong to and form part of the Relief Fund.

GRANT TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF MASONIC AFFAIRS

It was moved by V.W. Bro. John McRae (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114), and

Resolved—That the grant to the International Bureau of Masonic Affairs Switzerland be increased not to exceed Two hundred dollars ($200.00) and be referred to the Finance Committee for payment when the funds at their disposal may warrant.

THANKS TO PAST MASTER'S ASSOCIATION

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Robert J. Mills (51), seconded by W. Bro. James Sinclair (12), and

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge hereby manifests its sincere appreciation of the splendid entertainment accorded its Representatives by the Past Masters' Association of the City of Winnipeg.

THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE'S ON CEREMONIALS AND CONSTITUTION.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), seconded by R.W. Bro. William J. Sanders (50), and

Resolved—That a hearty vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be now tendered to the members of the Committee's on Constitution and Ceremonials. The report presented indicates that the members of these committee's have given much of their time with great enthusiasm to what appears to have been to them a labor of love; as a result this Grand Lodge has received a splendid and satisfactory report from these Committee's which is deserving of the heartiest appreciation and thanks of the delegates attending this Communication of Grand Lodge.

THANKS TO W. BRO. WILL GIBBEN

It was moved by R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12), seconded by R.W. Bro. William J. Sanders (50), and

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered W. Bro. Will Gibben for the splendid address delivered by him at the Luncheon.

THANKS TO BI-CENTENARY COMMITTEE

It was moved by W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle, seconded by R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114), and

Resolved—That the congratulations and hearty thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on the Bi-Centenary Fund, and particularly to the Chairman, W. Bro. William R. McConnell, for the work accomplished during the year. We believe that the Committee has rendered a great service to the Craft in this jurisdiction, and we note with keen satisfaction the successful results of its efforts.

CEREMONIALS

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), and

Resolved—That the Ceremonials of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as adopted by that body in June, 1899, together with all amendments and regulations relating to them, be repealed, and that the Ceremonials as revised by order of the Board of General Purposes, be adopted in their stead.

CONSTITUTION

It was moved by V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), seconded by W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (14), and

Resolved—That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, as adopted by that body in June, 1911, together with all amendments and regulations relating to it, be repealed, and that the Constitution as revised by order of the Board of General Purposes, be adopted in its stead.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock p.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = Evening Session

RESUMED LABOR

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, June 13th, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

On motion of W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), the Masonic Districts were determined as follows:—

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William R. McConnell, Winnipeg.

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg
"	93—King Edward	Winnipeg
"	111—Acacia	Elmwood, Winnipeg
"	114—"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg
"	119—Norwood	St. Boniface
"	121—St. James	St. James
"	123—Transcona	Transcona
"	U.D.—Empire	Weston, Winnipeg

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Barnard May, Brookdale.

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie
“	11—Gladstone	Gladstone
“	24—Neepawa	Neepawa
“	29—Carberry	Carberry
“	49—Temple	MacGregor
“	75—Gothic	Austin
“	108—Union	Brookdale

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Edward H. Dewart, Glenboro

No.	48—Glenboro	Glenboro
“	51—Treherne	Treherne
“	63—Holland	Holland
“	82—Cypress	Cypress River
“	87—Rathwell	Rathwell
“	108—Crescent	Elm Creek

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Arthur T. Hainsworth, Deloraine

No.	13—Belmont	Morden
“	30—Manitou	Manitou
“	36—Doric	Boissevain
“	40—Deloraine	Deloraine
“	50—Killarney	Killarney
“	71—Crystal	Crystal City
“	118—Mound	Pilot Mound

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Frank W. Buggey, Rivers.

No.	14—Prince of Wales	Minnedosa
“	15—Corinthian	Rapid City
“	39—Birtle	Birtle
“	62—Russell	Russell
“	84—Hamiota	Hamiota
“	92—Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake
“	101—Binscarth	Binscarth
“	102—Miniota	Miniota
“	106—Strathclair	Strathclair
“	115—Rivers	Rivers

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Pollock, Souris.

No.	27—Glenwood	Souris
"	52—Hartney	Hartney
"	54—Oriental	Melita
"	77—Napinka	Napinka
"	86—Elgin	Elgin
"	99—Lauder	Lauder
"	104—Reston	Reston
"	110—Kilwinning	Minto

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles H. Spearin, Brandon

No.	19—Brandon	Brandon
"	43—Lebanon	Virden
"	44—Oak Lake	Oak Lake
"	64—Composite	Alexander
"	74—Elkhorn	Elkhorn
"	107—Lansdowne	Griswold
"	113—Tweed	Brandon

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Aaron W. Badger, Carman

No.	9—Oakland	Carman
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa
"	70—Shiloh	Roland
"	90—Midlothian	Miami
"	109—Swan Lake	Swan Lake
"	117—Strathcona	Belmont
"	125—Patricia	Sperling

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Sterling B. Chamberlain, Swan River.

No.	68—Vermillion	Dauphin
"	94—Hiram	Grandview
"	100—Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains
"	105—Prince Arthur	Swan Lake
"	122—Roblin	Roblin
"	124—The Pas	The Pas
"	126—Favel	Minitonas

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Watson, Beausejour.

No.	6—Emerson	Emerson
“	8—King Solomon	Morris
“	12—Stonewall	Stonewall
“	55—East Star	Gretna
“	112—Ophir	Beausejour
“	120—Penza	Dominion City

RECAPITULATION

First Masonic District	13
Second Masonic District	8
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	7
Fifth Masonic District	10
Sixth Masonic District	8
Seventh Masonic District	7
Eighth Masonic District	7
Ninth Masonic District	7
Tenth Masonic District	6
Total	79

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Lodge Officers, the M.W. the Grand Master named as scrutineers M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3), M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), M. W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), and M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113) when the election proceeded with the following results:

R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113)	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25)	Grand Juior Warden
R.W. Bro. James G. Dagg (114)	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas P.G.M. (27)	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell (68)	Grand Chaplain

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25)
R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19)
R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11)
R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114)
R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4)
V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25)
W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott (10)
W. Bro. Will Gibben (25)
W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

W. Bro. William R. McConnell (4)	First Masonic District
W. Bro. Barnard May (108)	Second Masonic District
W. Bro. Edward H. Dewart (48)	Third Masonic District
W. Bro. Arthur T. Hainsworth (40)	Fourth Masonic District
W. Bro. Frank W. Buggey (115)	Fifth Masonic District
W. Bro. John Pollock (27)	Sixth Masonic District
W. Bro. Charles H. Spearin (113)	Seventh Masonic District
W. Bro. Aaron W. Badger (9)	Eighth Masonic District
W. Bro. Sterling B. Chamberlain (105)	Ninth Masonic District
W. Bro. John Watson (112)	Tenth Masonic District

It was moved by R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12) seconded by R.W. Bro. James H. Pollock (54), and

Resolved; That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, Grand Master Elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:—

W. Bro. Edward Bolton (19), Brandon	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. Thomas G. Finn (13), Morden	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell (114), Wpg.	Grand D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Guy V. Dingle (10), Winnipeg	Grand Organist
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INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The newly-elected officers present were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker and M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended, the Forty-second Annual Communication was closed in "ample form" at 11 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary.

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R.W. Bro. Edward H. Dewart (48), Glenboro.....................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Arthur T. Hainsworth (40), Deloraine.............D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Frank W. Buggey (115), Rivers.........................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Pollock (27), Souris ..................................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Charles H. Spearin (113), Brandon....................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Aaron W. Badger (9), Carman..........................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Sterling B. Chamberlain (105), Swan River....D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Watson (112), Beausejour........................D.D.G.M.
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R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird (1)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. Will Gibben (25)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19)	Brandon
R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott (10)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114)	Winnipeg
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Members of the subordinate Lodges who have enlisted for Active Service in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces as reported up to May 15th, 1918.

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Bro. W. A. MacKenzie (A)
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Bro. Donald J. Rollo
Bro. Walter C. Richardson
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Bro. Edward F. Samson (B)
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Bro. Raymond Sellers (B)
Bro. Alex. Taylor (B) (E)
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Bro. Walter C. Cameron
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Bro. Lionel Cox
Bro. Dr. George Clingan
Bro. Frank Finch
Bro. George W. Golding
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Bro. Stanley J. Holmes
Bro. John S. Joslin
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Bro. Spencer H. Lewis (A)
Bro. John A. Mancer
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Bro. Percy H. Nelson
Bro. Frederick G. Painter
Bro. Frederick Pollard
Bro. John E. Rea (E)
Bro. Cleveland Rea
Bro. James D. Tennant
Bro. Elmer V. Wilson
Bro. Wm. A. S. Wilson (E)

HOLLAND LODGE, No. 63

W. Bro. William Abbott
Bro. Acheson G. Goulding
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Bro. James Jackson (E)
Bro. James McGill
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Bro. George E. Rae
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Bro. Arthur C. Armstrong
W. Bro. John Birtles
W. Bro. Matthew Eaton (E)
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Bro. Grant Lang

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Bro. Frank W. Bumstead
Bro. William J. Bawdon
Bro. Albert E. von Busick
Bro. Fred J. Dagg (A)
Bro. Harold H. Gillson
Bro. William B. Hamblin (E)
Bro. Frank Hechtor (E)
Bro. Duncan Kennedy (E)
Bro. Edward Monby (E)
Bro. William L. Mitchell
Bro. Albert R. McLeod
Bro. Fred C. McConnell
Bro. Arnold Otto
W. Bro. Joseph W. Skinner
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Bro. James H. Hennan
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Bro. Andrew Moore
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Bro. Dougal McGregor
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Bro. Winford W. Thompson
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Bro. James W. Tooke
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Bro. Herbert W. Scrase

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Bro. Reginald T. Mitchell B
Bro. James McKee
Bro. Charles A. Midwinter
Bro. Jos. H. Martinson (B)
Bro. John Mack
Bro. John Malcolm
Bro. James B. Reid (E)
Bro. Samuel Robb (E)
Bro. Charles Ross (A)
Bro. David Simpson (A)
Bro. George Sussams (A)
Bro. Richard Stone
Bro. James Stewart
Bro. Robert Towers
Bro. William J. Veitch (A)
Bro. John Walton

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Bro. Fred W. Westwood (E)
W. Bro. Robert Watson
Bro. John Barton (A)
Bro. Thomas Cossar
Bro. Harold A. Dugard (B)

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Bro. James Craig
Bro. George H. Carlisle
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Bro. Henry T. Everard (E)
Bro. G. A. Edmison
Bro. William G. Hopper (E)
Bro. George W. Harrup
Bro. William H. Hurley (E)
Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Bro. Andrew Laughland
Bro. Clarence G. Lesselleur
Bro. William J. Moisley (E)
Bro. Alexander McLay
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Bro. Owen R. Lobley
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Bro. Duncan Michael (A)
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Bro. Harry E. Smith
Bro. Wm. G. E. Pulleyblank

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Bro. Henry Rushforth
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Bro. Oliver H. Lamont
Bro. George A. McLelland
Bro. Robert D. Orok
Bro. Bernard M. Stitt
Bro. Allen Steen

PATRICIA LODGE, No. 125

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Smith, John M.	Jun. 10, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Brown, Ralph R. J.	Nov. 1, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Wright, William A.	Sep. 24, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Clemons, John L.	Mar. 31, 1917	Lisgar	2
Robinson, George F.	May 20, 1917	Lisgar	2
Latham, Chester	May 20, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
McClintock, James D.	Apr. 9, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Shipman, Charles S.	Apr. 9, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Taylor, George W.	Apr. 7, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Bonny, Lawrence	Dec. 16, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Sutherland, Martin		St. John's	4
Aldridge, Charles A.		St. John's	4
Grant, William		St. John's	4
Rutledge, James W.		St. John's	4
Edgar, John S. A.	Jun. 6, 1917	St. John's	4
Hodson, John L.		St. John's	4
Clemis, Wesley	Dec. 1917	St. John's	4
Caldwell, John	Dec. 1917	St. John's	4
Johnson, Isaiah W.	Jan. 22, 1917	Emerson	6
Acheson, Weir H.	Jun., 1917	King Solomon	8
Wright, James	May 12, 1917	Northern Light	10
Baker, George W.	Sep. 1, 1917	Northern Light	10
Laycock, John S.	Jun. 11, 1917	Northern Light	10
Nugent, Frank S.	Jul. 5, 1917	Northern Light	10
Sailman, Robert T.	Oct. 30, 1917	Northern Light	10
Cross, Albert	Mar. 31, 1917	Stonewall	12
Driver, Joseph W.	Nov. 31, 1917	Belmont	13
Wilton, Walter B.	Aug. 21, 1917	Belmont	13
Pieper, William	Dec. 4, 1917	Belmont	13
Ransom, Kenneth J.	Jan. 24, 1917	Prince of Wales	14
Bosman, John	Apr. 2, 1917	Brandon	19
Hughes, Joseph H.	Aug. 4, 1917	Brandon	19
Edwards, Frederick B.	Aug. 6, 1917	Brandon	19
Mallory, Caleb R. D.	Aug. 14, 1917	Neepawa	24
Lewis, Evan R.	Dec. 27 ,1917	Ionic	25

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Denner, Frederick	Oct. 20, 1917	Ionic	25
Ireland, Walter W.	Jul. 14, 1917	Carberry	29
Crutchfield, Robert F.	May 31, 1917	Manitou	30
Wickware, Daniel A.	Mar. 14, 1917	Birtle	39
Thompson, Thomas W.	Apr. 18, 1917	Birtle	39
Maynard, James E.	Mar. 9, 1917	Deloraine	40
Potter, James	Oct. 4. 1917	Deloraine	40
Carscadden, Lorne E.	Aug., 1917	Lebanon	43
Sampson, John W.	Mar. 14, 1917	Glenboro	48
Traverse, James	May 5, 1917	Killarney	50
McCoig, William	Jan. 8, 1917	Treherne	51
McGowan, Sydney J.	Dec. 22, 1917	Treherne	51
Anderson, John F.	Apr. 7, 1917	Oriental	54
McDonald, Daniel C.	Oct. 2, 1917	Russell	62
Hames, Edgar R.	Aug. 19, 1917	Holland	63
Sparling, Robert C.	Apr. 11, 1917	Vermillion	68
Chase, George F.	Nov. 1917	Crystal	71
McIntosh, Hugh B.	Jan. 21, 1917	Elkhorn	74
Lowe, Walter	Jan. 21, 1917	Elkhorn	74
Morden, Linden T.	Oct. 5, 1917	Elkhorn	74
Gill, John	Sep. 8, 1918	Hamiota	84
Brissenden, James A.		Midlothian	90
Matthewman, Robbie	Aug. 16, 1917	King Edward	93
Beckett, John M.	Oct. 21, 1917	King Edward	93
Burch, Reginald E.	Oct. 30, 1917	King Edward	93
Campbell, Glen A.	Oct. 20, 1917	Robbie Burns	100
Murdock, George C.		Binscarth	101
Copeland, Robert	Aug. 16, 1917	Binscarth	101
Hodnett, Allan S.	May 3, 1917	Miniota	102
Miller, George M.	Jan. 22, 1917	Crescent	103
Bridgett, Albert E.	Sep. 2, 1917	Reston	104
Ross, James C.	May 16, 1917	Strathclair	106
McKellar, William D.	Oct. 26, 1917	Kilwinning	110
Harrison, Orton W.	Nov. 11, 1917	Kilwinning	110
Coxon, Charles	Apr. 9, 1917	Acacia	111

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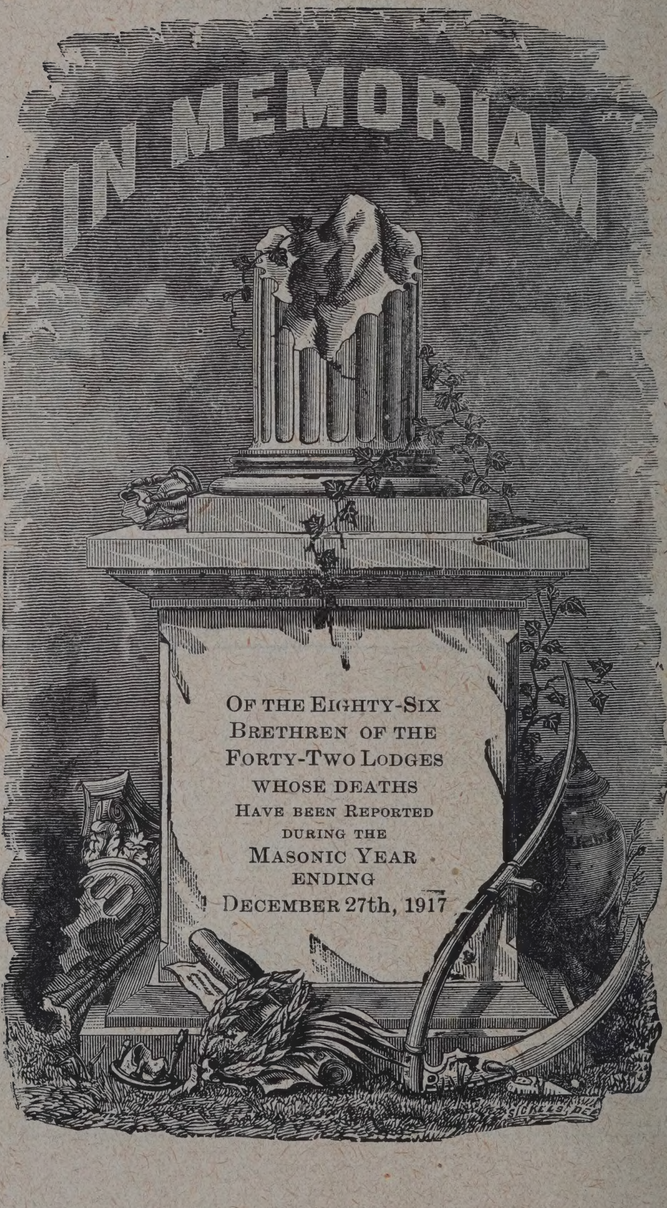
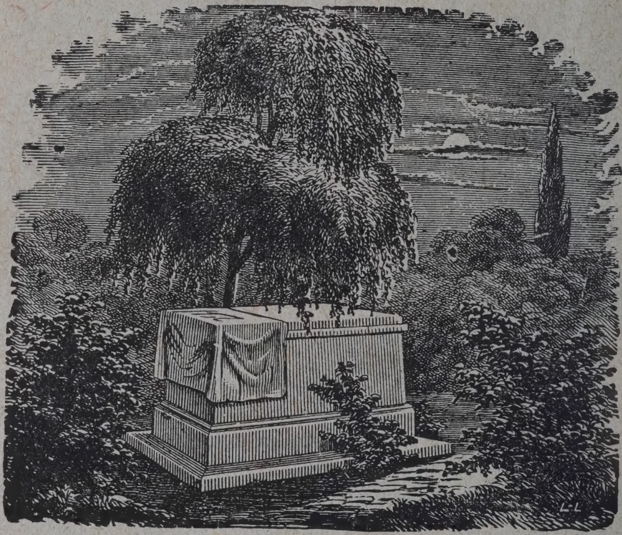
Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Henderson, Donald	Apr. 21, 1917	Acacia	111
Sussams, George	Sep., 1917	Acacia	111
Hill, Thomas	Sep. 24, 1917	Ophir	112
Frank, Edward C.	Feb. 9, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Michael, Duncan	Oct. 8, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Collum, William H.	Aug. 14, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Morris, Charles S.	Nov. 12, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Pope, George H.	Aug. 3, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Smith, John	Oct. 21, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Tabberner, Ralph K.	May 3, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Willard, James H.	Jul. 5, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Wilcocks, Horace S.	Oct. 21, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Wood, Charles	Mar. 13, 1917	Norwood	119
Warwick, Henry S. R.	Mar. 3, 1917	Norwood	119
Robertson, Fred G.		St. James	121
Smith, Stafford S.		St. James	121


IN MEMORIAM
SICKELS DEL

OF THE EIGHTY-SIX
BRETHREN OF THE
FORTY-TWO LODGES
WHOSE DEATHS
HAVE BEEN REPORTED
DURING THE
MASONIC YEAR
ENDING
DECEMBER 27th, 1917

"Their Lent is over, and their Easter won,
Waiting till over paradise the Sun
Shall rise in Majesty, and life begun
Shall grow in glory, as the perfect day
Moves on, to hold its endless deathless sway."



In Memory

OF

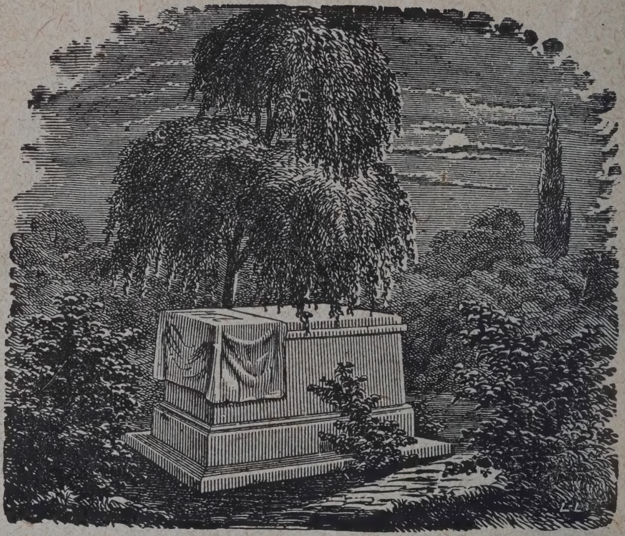
George W. Baker

PAST GRAND MASTER

DIED

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1917.

"And he is gone!
Sleep on, O Friend, until the waking day!
And ever we who loved thy presence here
Will keep for thee, though changes manifold,
A tender memory growing with the years."



In Memory

OF

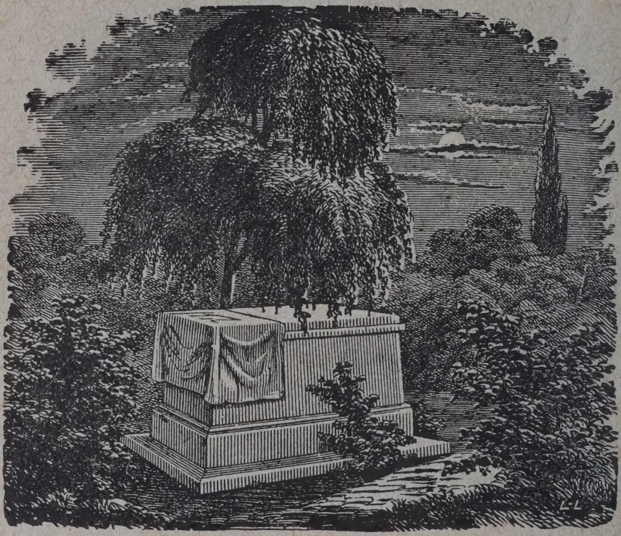
John McKechnie

PAST GRAND MASTER

DIED

MAY 30TH, 1918

"Life's labor done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger like sunlight hues when
That bright orb has set."



In Memory

OF

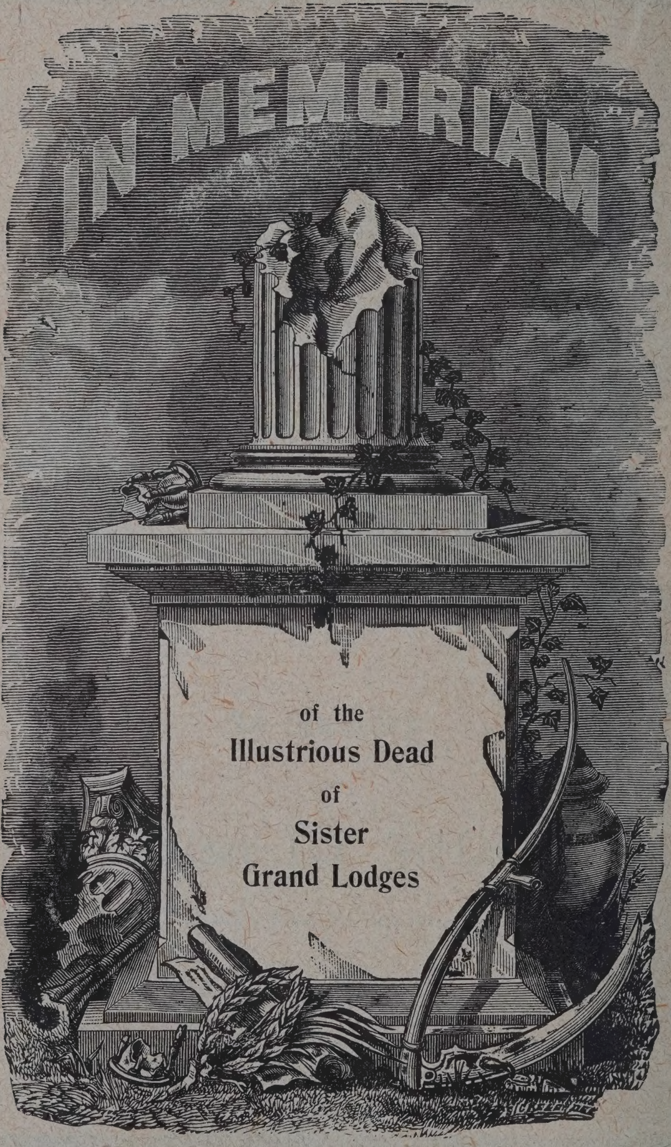
Walter W. Ireland

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DIED

JULY 14TH, 1917

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."


IN MEMORIAM

of the
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister
Grand Lodges

"Hope looks beyond the bounds of time
When what we now deplore
Shall rise in full, immortal prime
And bloom to fade no more."

DIMITTED

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
McNichol, Andrew R.	Apr. 17, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Forman, John R.	Sep. 18, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Haslam, John H.	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Kellough, Oscar C.	Dec. 18, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Davidson, John M.	Oct. 16, 1917	Lisgar	2
Johnson, Andrew L.	May 21, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Cook, James	Jan. 15, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Clarke, Albimus	Apr. 16, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Steele, William B.	Nov. 19, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Orr, Phillip H.	Dec. 17, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
McKibben, Alfred H.	Jan. 3, 1917	St. John's	4
Smith, James V.	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Fowler, Percy J.	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Baker, Henry R.	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Robinson, William J.	May 2, 1917	St. John's	4
Lee, Samuel C.	Jan. 15, 1917	Assiniboine	7
Fawcett, Henry C.	Dec. 17, 1917	Assiniboine	7
Morrison, William T.	Jun. 6, 1917	King Solomon	8
Dewart, Albert E.	May 1, 1917	Oakland	9
Armstrong, Henry	Feb. 6, 1917	Oakland	9
Demill, Malcolm E.	Jul. 3, 1917	Oakland	9
Antliff, William	May 17, 1917	Northern Light	10
Coleman, William A.	May 17, 1917	Northern Light	10
Grant, Andrew H.	Apr. 19, 1917	Northern Light	10
Higman, Russell K.	Jan. 21, 1917	Northern Light	10
Kirkbride, Arthur	May 17, 1917	Northern Light	10
Laidlaw, Stuart R.	Apr. 19, 1917	Northern Light	10
Norton, Arthur E. N.	May 17, 1917	Northern Light	10
Campbell, William	Sep. 20, 1917	Northern Light	10
Fitch, Warren E.	Dec. 20, 1917	Northern Light	10
Innes, Robert S.	Nov. 15, 1917	Northern Light	10
Walker, John W.	Sep. 18, 1917	Northern Light	10
Thorne, Yoel	Jan. 2, 1917	Stonewall	12
Nitikman, Michael A.	Dec. 20, 1917	Belmont	13
Strachan, George	Dec. 20, 1917	Belmont	13
Milne, David	Apr. 23, 1917	Corinthian	15
Bride, William W.	Jun. 12, 1917	Brandon	19
Edge, Jesse	Nov. 13, 1917	Brandon	19
Jelfs, Fred R.	Dec. 11, 1917	Brandon	19
Irwin, James H.	Apr. 4, 1917	Neepawa	24
Campbell, Daniel	Aug. 29, 1917	Neepawa	24
Crozier, Hugh G.	Nov. 28, 1917	Neepawa	24
Nash, Edward B.	Jan. 8, 1917	Ionic	25
Holwell, Frederick G.	Jan. 8. 1917	Ionic	25

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Adames, William J.	Feb. 5, 1917	Ionic	25
Sandison, John G.	Apr. 2, 1917	Ionic	25
Irvine, William H. J.	Jun. 4, 1917	Ionic	25
Collins, William E.	Dec. 3, 1917	Ionic	25
Andrews, Clifford B.	Jan. 5, 1917	Glenwood	27
Major, John R.	Mar. 21, 1917	Glenwood	27
Brooke, George	Oct. 26, 1917	Glenwood	27
Robinson, George	Oct. 26, 1917	Glenwood	27
Cowieson, William N.	Dec. 28, 1917	Glenwood	27
English, Walter J.	Feb. 6, 1917	Carberry	29
Nickle, William J.	Apr. 3, 1917	Carberry	29
Steeves, Morgan	Mar. 6 ,1917	Manitou	30
Wilson, George H.	Sep. 25, 1917	Manitou	30
Sander, William L.	Jan. 8, 1917	Birtle	39
Nimmo, John	Apr. 4, 1917	Deloraine	40
Lorimer, Joseph B.	Nov. 28, 1917	Deloraine	40
Magill, Joseph	Dec. 26, 1917	Deloraine	40
Fraser, John A. C.	Feb. 6, 1917	Lebanon	43
Sundquist, John P.	May 3, 1917	Oak Lake	44
Scarlett, Edward A.	Dec 27, 1917	Oak Lake	44
Dale, John T.	Jun. 12, 1917	Glenboro	48
Smith, William G.	Jun. 12, 1917	Glebnoro	48
Johns, John R.	Oct. 9, 1917	Temple	49
McCallum, James O.	Jun. 29, 1917	Treherne	51
Armitage, Harry	Mar. 6, 1917	Hartney	52
Fleming, William R.	Oct. 30, 1917	Hartney	52
Mooney, John	Jun. 28, 1917	Russell	62
Chaytor, William S.	Jun. 28, 1917	Russell	62
Goulding, Acheson G.	Jan. 15, 1917	Holland	63
Ferris, William	Dec. 26, 1917	Holland	63
Seecombe, Alex. W.	Nov. 26, 1917	Holland	63
Dudley, John M.	Apr. 3, 1917	Vermillion	68
Fleming, David	May 1, 1917	Vermillion	68
Playford, Chauncey K.	May 1, 1917	Vermillion	68
Splan, Frederick L.	Mar. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Orr, Edward	Feb. 7, 1917	Vermillion	68
Bethel, Thomas G.	May 2, 1917	Vermillion	68
Parr, James F.	Dec. 4, 1917	Vermillion	68
Mulligan, Robert C.	Jan. 2, 1917	Crystal	71
McDonald, William	Dec. 25, 1917	Crystal	71
McBurney, William R.	Dec. 25, 1917	Crystal	71
Duxbury, Charles R.	Dec. 24, 1917	Elkhorn	74
Forbes, Robert K.	Dec. 24, 1917	Elkhorn	74
Head, William H.	Nov. 26, 1917	Elkhorn	74

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Ritchie, William J.	Oct. 29, 1917	Elkhorn	74
Croston, David L.	Jan. 6, 1917	Cypress	82
Cochrane, Alexander	Jan. 9, 1917	Hamiota	84
McKenney, Joseph	Jan. 8, 1917	Hamiota	84
Thompson, Ralph W.	Jan. 9, 1917	Elgin	86
Anderson, Jacob	Jul. 3, 1917	Rathwell	87
Thomas, George	May 2, 1917	Midlothian	90
Sleigh, Henry	Apr. 6, 1917	Shoal Lake	92
Parks, Frank	Apr. 6, 1917	Shoal Lake	92
May, Henry J.	Jan. 17, 1917	King Edward	93
Cook, Theophilus	Jan. 17, 1917	King Edward	93
Floyd, Leonard	Jan. 17, 1917	King Edward	93
Welch, Thomas	Nov. 21, 1917	King Edward	93
Lyons, John	Nov. 21, 1917	King Edward	93
Morrow, William G.	Dec. 19, 1917	King Edward	93
Elsey, John W.	Jan. 8, 1917	Lauder	99
Mercier, Charles A.	Nov. 15, 1917	Robbie Burns	100
Clements, Thomas	Jul. 3, 1917	Binscarth	101
Thompson, Alfred C.	Jun. 6, 1917	Miniota	102
Donnelly, Everet J.	Feb. 2, 1917	Reston	104
Donnelly, Thomas H.	Jan. 5, 1917	Reston	104
Stephens, John M.	Jun. 28, 1917	Reston	104
Sparkes, Ralph E.	Jun. 1, 1917	Prince Arthur	105
McKay, Angus G.	May 1, 1917	Strathclair	106
Patterson, Edward H.	Nov. 28, 1917	Lansdowne	107
Elliott, William J.	Feb. 6, 1917	Kilwinning	110
Castle, Fred J.	Dec. 18, 1917	Tweed	113
Williams, John C.	Dec. 18, 1917	Tweed	113
Cook, Sydney J.	Jan. 2, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bastedo, David L.	Nov. 6, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Hunter, George A.	Nov. 6, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Laidman, Arthur H.	Dec. 4, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Moulden, Harry F.	Dec. 4, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
McMeans, Lendrum	Dec. 4, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Steinthal, Edward T.	Dec. 4, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Thomas, Sydney D.	Mar. 30, 1917	Rivers	115
Wallace, Thomas	Dec. 12, 1917	Rivers	115
Box, Alonzo G.	Jun. 8, 1917	Strathcona	117
Roch, Sydney J.	Jan. 2, 1917	Strathcona	117
Bateman, Arthur F.	Oct. 30, 1917	Strathcona	117
Arthur, Joseph A.	Apr. 12, 1917	Norwood	119
Berry, Thomas	Jun. 14, 1917	Norwood	119
Thompson, James W.	Dec. 21, 1917	Roblin	122
McKay, Charles	Jan. 5, 1917	Transcona	123
McDonald, William H.	Dec. 7, 1917	Transcona	123

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Boyaner, David	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Dunn, Samuel	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Gerhardt, Harry W.	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
LaFresnaye, William S.	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
McCrea, Frank H.	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
McDonald, Carman C.	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Moncrieff, Robert	Feb. 20, 1917	Lisgar	2
Paterson, Wilson J.	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Paterson, Edward A.	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Pike, Richard	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Ward, John B.	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Rogers, Fred A.	Feb. 7, 1917	St. John's	4
Coleman, Harry G.	April 16, 1917	Assiniboine	7
Roe, Richard H.	April 16, 1917	Assiniboine	7
Turner, Dugald	April 16, 1917	Assiniboine	7
Sanderson, John W.	June 5, 1917	King Solomon	8
Allen, Charles A.	April 19, 1917	Northern Light	10
Brydges, John	April 19, 1917	Northern Light	10
Grant, William S.	April 19, 1917	Northern Light	10
Little, Joseph A.	April 19, 1917	Northern Light	10
Richards, Harold H.	April 19, 1917	Northern Light	10
Gerow, John	Mar. 5, 1917	Gladstone	11
Johnstone, Harold E.	Mar. 5, 1917	Gladstone	11
Vickers, Francis N.	Mar. 5, 1917	Gladstone	11
Parr, Cecil A.	Dec. 20, 1917	Belmont	13
Silver, Philip	Dec. 20, 1917	Belmont	13
Rosenthal, Lacer	Dec. 20, 1917	Belmont	13
Attridge, Roy H.	Aug. 1, 1917	Neepawa	24
Barlow, John H.	Aug. 1, 1917	Neepawa	24
Currie, George	Aug. 1, 1917	Neepawa	24
Gill, John J.	Aug. 1, 1917	Neepawa	24
Hamilton, Nelson	Aug. 1, 1917	Neepawa	24
Stanford, Thomas	Aug. 1, 1917	Neepawa	24
Tyndall, Thomas H.	Aug. 1, 1917	Neepawa	24
Brown, David	June 1, 1917	Glenwood	27
Stockton, Levi	June 1, 1917	Glenwood	27
Halliday, Elmer	Dec. 26, 1917	Deloraine	40
Livingstone, Donald	Dec. 26, 1917	Deloraine	40
Falconer, Alexander J.	Dec. 26, 1917	Deloraine	40
Whyte, Robert	Dec. 26, 1917	Deloraine	40
Leverington, William	Mar. 5, 1917	Lebanon	43
Moggy, James	June 12, 1917	Glenboro	48
Carr, Charles A.	June 4, 1917	Temple	49
Beeman, Elbert	June 4, 1917	Temple	49

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—Continued.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Thompson, Francis J.	June 4, 1917	Temple	49
Hackett, Joseph A.	Dec. 18, 1917	Hartney	52
Haddon, Robert G.	Dec. 18, 1917	Hartney	52
Johnston, Archie L.	Dec. 18, 1917	Hartney	52
Buie, Archibald L.	Mar. 8, 1917	Russell	62
Calvert, William J.	Mar. 8, 1917	Russell	62
Goodbun, Archibald H.	Mar. 8, 1917	Russell	62
McIntyre, Alexander	Mar. 8, 1917	Russell	62
Stewart, Alexander	Mar. 8, 1917	Russell	62
Tingley, Archibald R.	Mar. 8, 1917	Russell	62
Lewis, Samuel H.	May 3, 1917	Composite	64
Birss, Alexander	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Bawden, Edwin J.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Bridgen, Alexander	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Brown, Roland C.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Emerson, Thomas	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Fagen, Robert	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Hogarth, Roland	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Iredale, Albert E.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Kitt, Thomas A.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Messenger, George C.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
McCallum, George	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
McLean, James H.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Morrison, William H.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
McIlwarth, William	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Nix, Willet D.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Nicholson, George A.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Park, Halsey M.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Parkin, Alfred C.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Parker, Henry M.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Seale, John	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Shaw, John	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Walker, Donald R.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Wanless, John M.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Willis, William S.	Nov. 6, 1917	Vermillion	68
Millard, John H.	April 6, 1917	Cypress	82
McDole, James	April 6, 1917	Cypress	82
Jackson, Thomas P.	June 5, 1917	Elgin	86
Markle, Mervyn C.	April 6, 1917	Shoal Lake	92
Menzies, John	April 6, 1917	Shoal Lake	92
Smith, Oswald J. K.	April 6, 1917	Shoal Lake	92
Smith, Charles J. K.	April 6, 1917	Shoal Lake	92
Trick, Charles W.	May 16, 1917	King Edward	93
Thompson, Robert G.	May 16, 1917	King Edward	93

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES—Continued.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Johnston, William R.	May 16, 1917	King Edward	93
Fender, John	May 16, 1917	King Edward	93
James, James A.	May 1, 1917	Binscarth	101
Broadhurst, Herb. C. L.	May 9, 1917	Miniota	102
Hunter, Samuel	June 6, 1917	Miniota	102
Hicks, Harvey E.	May 30, 1917	Lansdowne	107
Argue, William P.	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Bredin, Albert R.	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Case, George F.	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Edmiston, John	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Gregg, Andrew	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Grierson, Bernard G.	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Hurst, Edward	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Orr, Peter	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Richards, William J.	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Sutherland, John H.	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Erickson, David C.	Dec. 12, 1917	Acacia	111
Winkler, Jacob	Dec. 27, 1917	Ophir	112
Macdonald, Alexander	Dec. 4, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Smith, Gabe H.	Dec. 4, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Allison, James	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Affleck, Fred C.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Argue, Richard M.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Campbell, Alex. A.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Holden, Arthur I.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Haddow, John W.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Hawkins, George E.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Hooper, Andrew	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Lewis, Samuel	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
McAuley, John W.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Couchie, Simon M.	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Marshall, Robert	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
MacNamara, Arthur	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Somerville, Robert	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Smith, Carroll	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Watts, Alvin	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Wallace, Thomas	Feb. 23, 1917	Rivers	115
Chapman, Herbert	April 25, 1917	St. James	121
Armstrong, Robert S.	April 25, 1917	St. James	121
Tait, Samuel	April 25, 1917	St. James	121
Chippendale, Tom	June 13, 1917	St. James	121
Burnsville, Lewis E.	April 6, 1917	Transcona	123
Crann, James A.	April 6, 1917	Transcona	123

SUSPENSIONS FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Allan, Jonah J.	Oct. 8, 1917	Ionic	25
Jones, John	Oct. 30, 1917	Manitou	30
Eby, William H.	Mar. 12, 1917	Glenboro	48
Nairn, John	Mar. 13, 1917	Hamiota	84
Rosebrugh, Wesley A.	May 15, 1917	Tweed	113

REINSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Ford, Frederick	Sept. 18, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Masters, Alfred	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
O'Meara, Frederick M.	Nov. 20, 1917	Prince Rupert's	1
Smith, Roderick	Jan. 16, 1917	Lisgar	2
Strawhorn, William	Feb. 20, 1917	Lisgar	2
Morrison, John	Oct. 16, 1917	Lisgar	2
Steele, William	Mar. 19, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
McBride, Henry	Mar. 10, 1917	Ancient Landmark	3
Robinson, William J.	May 2, 1917	St. John's	4
Franklin, James C.	Dec. 17, 1917	Assiniboine	7
Uren, Daniel M.	Jan. 1, 1917	King Solomon	8
Innes, Robert S.	Mar. 15, 1917	Northern Light	10
Thompson, John	Oct. 29, 1917	Gladstone	11
Collinson, John C.	Oct. 1, 1917	Stonewall	12
Armstrong, William M.	Jan. 8 ,1917	Ionic	25
McColl, James	April 2, 1917	Ionic	25
Sandison, John G.	April 2, 1917	Ionic	25
Tennent, Emerson D.	June 4, 1917	Ionic	25
Palmer, Lorne	June 4, 1917	Ionic	25
McDiarmid, James	May 30, 1917	Deloraine	40
Scarlett, Edward	Dec. 27, 1917	Oak Lake	44
Smith, William G.	Jan. 1, 1917	Glenboro	48
Beeman, Elbert	July 30, 1917	Temple	49
Menzies, John	June 1, 1917	Shoal Lake	92
Stone, Frederick	April 3, 1917	Binscarth	101
Glenn, Joseph	Jan. 3, 1917	Crescent	103
Robson, James W.	Dec. 7, 1917	Prince Arthur	105
Cook, Sydney J.	Jan. 2, 1917	"The Assiniboine"	114
Wallace, Thomas	Nov. 30, 1917	Rivers	115

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	†Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	†Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	†Jas. Henderson	Jno. W. Harris	....	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	R. McCuaig	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	James Munroe	†Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell	....	*Hon. G. Mc Micken	†J. M. McGregor	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	C. F. Forrest	‡J. J. Johnston	†Jas. Henderson	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson	C. F. Forrest	‡J. J. Johnston	....	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	R. McCuaig	†John Smith	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	C. F. Forrest	†Alfred Pearson	P. McGregor	†Thos. Collins	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	†Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—CONTINUED

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†R. W. Woodroofe	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	Wm G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Richd. D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	James G. Dagg	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	†D. J. Goggin	†F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. A. Windatt	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	†D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	Charles N. Bell	Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell	Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	†Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	Fred L. Newman	†T. F. English	*John McKechnie	Wm, G. Scott	C. N. Mitchell	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	†Geo. B. Murphy	Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†J. O. Smith	Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	†Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt	†S. B. Jameson	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	R. S. Thornton	Rev. Wm. J. Garton	Wm. Fenwick	R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. B. Baird

1901	R. S. Thornton....	R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm.	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas ..	James M. Suttie...	Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm .	*Geo. W. Baker...	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas ..	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm .	Wm. G. Scott......	†H. H. Campkin ..	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas ..	R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	Rev. A. Chisholm .	Wm. G. Scott	†H. H. Campkin ..	James Scroggie....	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas ..	†O. E. S. Whiteside	†Rev. John Wells
1905	William G, Scott..	†H. H. Campkin ..	James Scroggie....	Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas ..	John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie.	James Scroggie ...	Henry J. Pugh	James D. Baine...	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	†Arthur H. Smith.	†Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	James Scroggie....	Henry J. Pugh.....	James D. Baine ...	John Wemyss	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*Robert Magness..	†Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	Henry J. Pugh	James D. Baine....	John Wemyss.....	William Chambers	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	A. N. Macpherson.	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	James D. Baine ...	*Geo. W. Baker ...	John Wemyss.....	William Chambers	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*Joseph Greenfield	Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker ...	John Wemyss.. ...	Wm. Chambers....	Ed. M. Walker....	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*Jas. E. Maynard..	Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	John Wemyss.....	William Chambers	Ed. M. Walker....	Lynds S. Vaughan	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*R. W. A. Rolph...	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	William Chambers	Ed. M. Walker....	Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	Ed. M. Walker ...	Lynds S. Vaughan	Hy. E. Bletcher ...	Percy E. Kellett...	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	Robert L. Ross....	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	Lynds S. Vaughan	William Fenwick .	Hy. E. Bletcher...	Percy E. Kellett...	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	J. M. Robinson ...	Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	William Fenwick..	Hy. E. Bletcher ...	Percy E. Kellett ...	Ed. T. Greenway..	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	John Macwhirter..	Rev. Thos. G. Bethel
1916	Hy. E. Bletcher ...	Percy E. Kellett...	Ed. T. Greenway..	Alex. McIntyre....	James G. Dagg....	James A. Ovas ..	Chas. F. Hasselfield	Rev. James S. Miller
1917	Percy E. Kellett...	Ed. T. Greenway..	Alex. McIntyre ...	A. J. Hatcher	James G. Dagg ...	James A. Ovas ..	John J. Jackson...	Rev. Thos G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway..	Alex. McIntyre ...	A. J. Hatcher	Geo. N. Jackson ..	James G. Dagg....	James A. Ovas..		Rev. Thos. G. Bethell

* Dead   † Removed from Jurisdiction   ‡ Withdrawn from Masonry

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P. O. Address	W. Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	Patterson, George W.	Hodgins, Eli	Third Tuesday in each month
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Pook, William T.	Hawes, J. C.	Third Tuesday in each month
3	AncientLandmark	Winnipeg	Armstrong, Adam	Syme, George	Third Monday in each month
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Carr, William	Douglas, William	First Wednesday in each month
6	Emerson	Emerson	Whitman, Harold G.	Masterton, Robt. G.	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Burns, William H.	Williams, Ernest A.	Third Monday in each month
8	King Solomon	Morris	Clubb, James	Stevenson, Walter N.	Tuesday on or before full moon
9	Oakland	Carman	Kirby, Fred S.	Malcolmson Albert H.	Tuesday on or before full moon
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Ross, Donald A.	Macwhirter, John	Third Thursday in each month
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Taylor, Sereno M.	Egan, Thomas	Monday on or before full moon
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Anderson, James W.	Riley, John M.	Tuesday on or before full moon
13	Belmont	Morden	Miller, Percy H.	Conner, William	Third Thursday in each month
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Wilson, Stanley	Inman, Henry	Thursday on or before full moon
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Soldan, Conrad	Swann, Frederick W.	First Tuesday in each month
19	Brandon	Brandon	Trotter, Alexander	Kerr, N. Whitby	Second Tuesday in each month
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Laidler, Joseph	Leach, Fred	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Lawrence, William D.	Cobban, Mitchell	First Monday in each month
27	Glenwood	Souris	Smith, Collins S.	McCulloch, Richard J.	Friday on or before full moon
29	Carberry	Carberry	Collins, Thomas	Balfour, Wilfred C.	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	Bradley, Thomas	Burke, Henry	Tuesday on or before full moon
36	Doric	Boissevain	Heywood, Percy	McAvoy, William P.	Fourth Tuesday in each month
39	Birtle	Birtle	Hadland, William	Dudley, John C.	Monday on or before full moon
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Hasselfield, Chas. F.	Hainsworth, A. T.	Wednesday on or before full moon
43	Lebanon	Virden	Yewdall, John	More, Andrew	Tuesday on or before full moon
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Steen, Ephraim U.	Somerset, Charles E.	Thursday on or before full moon
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Hames, Albert S.	McQueen, George L.	Second Monday in each month
49	Temple	MacGregor	Cairns, William	Young, William A.	Monday on or before full moon
50	Killarney	Killarney	Hayden, Wilfred E.	Schnarr, William J.	Friday on or before full moon
51	Treherne	Treherne	Bowman, George A.	Coulter, John	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	Thomas, Henry W.	Smith, Robert M.	Tuesday on or before full moon
54	Oriental	Melita	Smith, Charles H. L.	Menarey, Thomas S.	Friday on or before full moon
55	East Star	Gretna	Argue, Thomas A.	Coblentz, Godfrey	Wednesday on or before full moon
62	Russell	Russell	Swallow, Gordon E.	McDonagh, George	Wednesday on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland	Curll, Harold E.	Dagg, Frances H.	Wednesday on or before full moon
64	Composite	Alexander	Jackson, Hugh E.	Eaton, Matthew	Thursday on or before full moon

67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	Martin, Herbert C.	Foster, William C. F.	Monday on or before full moon
68	Vermillion	Dauphin	Steen, Charles B.	Fraser, Hugh E.	First Tuesday in each month
70	Shiloh	Roland	McLarty, Malcolm	Argue, Andrew S.	Thursday on or before full moon
71	Crystal	Crystal City	Garbutt, Oliver D.	Mutch, Urquahart F.	Tuesday on or before full moon
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Webster Charles G.	Jones, Herbert J.	Monday on or before full moon
75	Gothic	Austin	Hay, George R.	Camsell, George	Tuesday on or before full moon
77	Napinka	Napinka	Cosgrove, Wilfred R.	Cleghorn, John A. C.	Thursday on or before full moon
82	Cypress	Cypress River	Owens, Robert	Harrison, George	Thursday on or before full moon
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	Fraser, James M.	Neelands, James A.	Tuesday on or after full moon
86	Elgin	Elgin	Barber, Thomas H.	Toomer, William H.	Tuesday on or after full moon
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	Mott, William A.	Hutchinson, Chas. E.	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	Scott, William	Ayles, George W.	Monday on or before full moon
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	Lawson, Robert	Lathrope, John	Friday on or before full moon
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	Jacob, Robert	Appleby, Frank	Third Wednesday in each month
94	Hiram	Grandview	Wilson, Harry C.	Dickie, William	Thursday on or before full moon
99	Lauder	Lauder	Cram, Willard W.	McRorie, James A.	Monday on or before full moon
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	Vasbinder, George	Narroway, Clifford B.	Second Friday in each month
101	Binscarth	Binscarth	Smith, Jack C.	Shaw, G. Murray	Tuesday on or before full moon
102	Miniota	Miniota	Mitchell, John R. W.	Peel, Robert	Wednesday on or after full moon
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	Ross, William	Alair, Palmer D.	Wednesday on or before full moon
104	Reston	Reston	Mervin, Gilbert E.	Manning, Arthur J.	Friday on or before full moon
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	Swift, Thomas L.	Chamberlain, S. B.	First Friday in each month
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	Manson, Andrew	Hodgins, Bolton	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	McCaw, Robert E.	Douglas, Alexander	Wednesday on or before full moon
108	Union	Brookdale	Dodds, Robert	Curtis, Alfred L.	Thursday on or after full moon
109	Swan Lake	Somerset	Willson, Robert A. L.	Reekie, Thomas	Tuesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	Fleming, William	Bourns, William A.	Tuesday on or before full moon
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	Henderson, William	Dewar, William	Second Wednesday in each month
112	Ophir	Beausejour	McDougall, Donald	Watson, John	Thursday on or before full moon
113	Tweed	Brandon	Gilby, James	Fenwick, William	Third Tuesday in each month
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	Bamford, Chas. H. S.	Miller, Herman E.	First Tuesday in each month
115	Rivers	Rivers	Payne, Clifford	Buggey, Frank W.	Last Friday in each month
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	Wells, John J.	Caldwell, Joseph H.	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	Lackie, Lowell C.	Briscoe, James W.	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	King, William	Hicks, Edwin J.	Wednesday on or before full moon
119	Norwood	St. Boniface	Godsmark, Arthur E.	McDonald, Norman	Second Thursday in each month
120	Penza	Dominion City	Witty, John R.	Lawson, Henry	Wednesday on or before full moon
121	St. James	St. James	Smith, John G.	Best, David A.	Second Wednesday in each month
122	Roblin	Roblin	Starr, Fred	Mitchell, Irwin L.	Monday on or before full moon
123	Transcona	Transcona	Norquay, Andrew T.	Turner, Frederick G.	First Friday in each month
124	The Pas	The Pas	Hunter, David	Jacobsen, John P.	First Thursday in each month
125	Patricia	Sperling	Smith, John H.	Hobbs, Arthur T.	Wednesday on or before full moon
126	Favel	Minitonas	Laing, Henry W. H.	Cannon, John H.	Second Tuesday in each month

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME	MEETINGS HELD. Regular	MEETINGS HELD. Emerg't	MEETINGS HELD. Total	Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.
1	Prince Rupert's	9	10	19	70	70	$1,055.00	$ 632.55
2	Lisgar	10	11	21	24	16	57.00	70.65
3	Ancient Landmark	9	8	17	60	173	3,049.10	534.85
4	St. John's	10	14	24	120	6	318.25	487.85
10	Northern Light	9	6	15	65	25	930.40	388.00
25	Ionic	10	8	18	47	83	1,503.05	816.29
93	King Edward	9	0	9	75	68	642.50	291.50
111	Acacia	10	2	12	29	30	167.50	43.35
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	10	20	43	0		300.00
119	Norwood	10	4	14	33	20	257.00	5.00
121	St. James	10	1	11	31	10	65.00	120.00
123	Transcona	10	14	24	21	3	80.00	

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7	Assiniboine	10	1	11	30	101	$ 626.50	
11	Gladstone	12	1	13	15	18	249.51	
24	Neepawa	15	1	16	33	51	304.00	
29	Carberry	9	3	12	10	48	602.00	
49	Temple	12	1	13	9	14	90.00	
75	Gothic	10	1	11	10	4	31.50	
108	Union	11	3	14	13	7	28.00	
116	St. Andrew's	10	1	11	10	5	45.00	

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48	Glenboro	10	1	11	10	3	$ 31.00	$ 71.85
51	Treherne	10	2	12	17	9	36.00	
63	Holland	12	1	13	17	3	26.00	75.20
82	Cypress	12	3	15	15	3	92.50	
87	Rathwell	11	0	11	11	1	14.00	
103	Crescent	13	1	14	13	11	69.00	290.00

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Cash on Hand.	Liabilities.	Total Assets Over Liabilities.	Insurance in Force.	Condition of Lodge.	Official Visits by D.D.G.M's	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. Confer Degrees	Date When June Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.	Date When Dec. Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.
$7,029.45	$ 368.75	$7,695.70	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 15, '17	Jan. 14, '18
476.42	....	267.80	250.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 23, '17	Feb. 27, '18
90.45	52.90	9,616.12	350.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 15, '17	Jan. 14, '18
2,248.12	689.00	13,289.28	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 19, '17	Jan. 23, '18
798.45	....	5,919.22	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 2, '17	Jan. 31, '18
1,353.79	519.28	10,332.04	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 18, '18
2,210.37	915.75	13,624.98	300.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 10, '17	Jan. 14, '18
152.26	550.00	2,675.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 31, '17	Jan. 31, '18
1,401,66	....	4,573.71	500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 28, '17	Jan. 31, '18
236.56	....	1,750.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 18, '18
258.70	1,280.00	892.38	150.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 27, '17	Jan. 2, '18
323.73	118.00	550.17	350.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 5, '17	Jan. 10, '18

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$ 141.65	....	$7,296.05	$ 300.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 25, '17	Mar. 21, '18
170.10	121.00	359.90	300.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Sep. 5, '17	Mar. 12, '18
779.78	....	2,369.78	800.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 2, '17	Jan. 2, '18
53.45	650.00	2,455.00	1,850.00	Active	..	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 18, '17	Jan. 14, '18
110.43	800.00	2,500.00	1,450.00	Active	1	Own	Fair	Yes	Jul. 19, '17	Jan. 22, '18
220.75	125.00	1,295.75	1,100.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 16, '17	Dec. 17, '17
44.50	....	1,000.00	600.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 15, '17	Jan. 23, '18
17.86	....	262.86	....	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 12, '17	Jan. 4, '18

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$ 153.85	$ 65.00	$ 88.85	$ 500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Feb. 26, '18
528.00	....	1,064.00	300.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 15, '17	Mar. 12, '18
183.41	....	200.00	100.00	Active	2	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 14, '18
316.91	....	409.41	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 30, '17	Jan. 10, '18
64.90	....	64.90	300.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 19, '17	Feb. 14, '18
488.85	....	488.85	100.00	Active	2	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Feb. 4, '18

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME	MEETINGS HELD.			Aver. Atten of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.
		Regular	Emerg't	Total				
13	Belmont	11	2	13	15	31	$ 195.00	$ 75.00
30	Manitou	11	1	12	12	24	155.00	....
36	Doric							
40	Deloraine	12	1	13	32	20	119.00	....
50	Killarney	12	2	14	20	26	448.00	....
71	Crystal	13	1	14	14	14	114.65	....
118	Mound	13	1	14	13	2	24.00	150.00

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC

14	Prince of Wales	12	2	14	18	38	$ 329.57	$ 75.00
15	Corinthian	12	1	13	12	18	197.00	....
39	Birtle	11	2	13	16	14	160.75	25.00
62	Russell	12	0	12	14	15	167.00	161.00
84	Hamiota	12	2	14	18	12	131.00	88.12
92	Shoal Lake	12	4	16	15	6	80.00	90.00
101	Binscarth	12	1	13	18	11	99.00	176.00
102	Miniota	13	2	15	10	3	20.00	15.00
106	Strathclair	12	2	14	15	12	82.50	....
115	Rivers	10	1	11	12	14	140.00	....

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC

27	Glenwood	10	1	11	20	18	$ 510.00	....
52	Hartney	13	1	14	20	17	140.00	25.00
54	Oriental	11	2	13	11	22	287.75	152.00
77	Napinka	8	0	8	12	11	135.00	8.65
86	Elgin							
99	Lauder	7	1	8	11	0	....	....
104	Reston	11	3	14	28	37	524.60	42.90
110	Kilwinning	13	0	13	----	----	....	....

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$ 47.00	....	$ 500.00	$ 200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 27, '17	Jan. 7, '18
282.93	....	1,400.00	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 6, '17	Jan. 14, '18
205.18	....	2,096.00	125.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 2, '17	Jan. 9, '18
179.00	....	1,223.00	....	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Oct. 18, '17	Apr. 15, '18
422.30	....	536.95	....	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 11, '17	Jan. 7, '18
253.49	....	253.49	100.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 4, '71	Jan. 8, '18

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$ 266.08	$2,500.00	$6,500.00	$3,700.00	Active	1	Own	Fair	Yes	Jan. 9, '18	Jan. 9, '18
36.47	....	4,712.00	1,800.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 1, '17	Jan. 15, '18
621.62	....	2,400.00	800.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Feb. 3, '18	Feb. 3, '18
919.00	....	1,020.00	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 27, '17	Jan. 21, '18
231.83	....	618.83	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 2, '17	Jan. 9, '18
150.00	....	....	500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 9, '17	Mar. 11, '18
173.13	....	....	1,100.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 23, '18
196.02	....	361.00	75.00	Active	..	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 5, '17	Jan. 5, '18
68.91	....	2,000.00	700.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 28, '17	Jan. 15, '18
169.00	....	300.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Dec. 4, '17	Jan. 31, '18

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$ 252.30	....	$ 252.30	$1,500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 11, '18
268.25	50.00	1,113.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Sep. 11, '17	Jan. 23, '18
....	....	800.00	800.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Oct. 26, '17	Mar. 13, '18
160.00	....	460.00	85.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 5, '18
									Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 5, '18
50.00	....	....	....	Dorm't	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 8, '18
418.39	464.50	2,409.89	400.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Jan. 14, '18
50.00	....	300.00	400.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 20, '17	Mar. 20, '18

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME	MEETINGS HELD Regular	Emerg't	Total	Aver. Atten of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.
19	Brandon	10	8	18	20	18	$ 830.00	$ 51.50
43	Lebanon	12	1	13	20	7	45.00	
44	Oak Lake	13	1	14	18	10	110.00	
64	Composite	11	2	13	17	4	20.00	
74	Elkhorn	14	2	16	20	19	234.65	
107	Lansdowne	7	0	7	10	6	45.00	
113	Tweed	11	4	15	25	2	24.00	5.00

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC

9	Oakland	12	0	12	15	3	$ 60.00	$ 50.00
67	Wawanesa	6	2	8	10	25	271.25	
70	Shiloh	9	0	9	10	27	354.40	45.00
90	Midlothian	10	3	13	20	51	250.00	
109	Swan Lake	7	0	7	9	6	48.00	
117	Strathcona	12	2	14	15	15	75.00	
125	Patricia	12	2	14	17			

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC

68	Vermillion	10	2	12	21	32	$ 766.50	
94	Hiram	8	0	8	10	20	200.00	50.00
100	Robbie Burns	5	1	6	8	19	268.00	25.00
105	Prince Arthur	8	2	10	11	9	134.00	10.00
122	Roblin	10	3	13	13	6	87.00	
124	The Pas	11	1	12	10	3	34.00	
U.D.	Favel	11	5	16	10	0		

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC

6	Emerson	13	0	13	14	13	$ 93.00	
8	King Solomon	14	1	15	22	8	144.70	150.00
12	Stonewall	12	2	14	25	5	118.00	85.00
55	East Star	11	0	11	10	6	49.00	
112	Ophir	12	2	14	12	6	43.75	35.00
120	Penza	13	1	14	11	12	105.00	

DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1917

Cash on Hand.	Liabilities.	Total Assets Over Liabilities.	Insurance in Force.	Condition of Lodge.	Official Visits by D.D.G.M's	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. Confer Degrees'	Date When June Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.	Date When Dec. Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.
$1,711.01	$ 200.50	$4,291.49	$1,000.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Sep. 15, '17	Jan. 15, '18
400.00		845.00	250.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 2, '17	Jan. 10, '18
120.41	208.15	2,022.26	1,250.00	Active	1	Own	Fair	Yes	Jul. 15, '17	Jan. 15, '18
177.67		447.67	150.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 4, '17	Jan. 16, '18
183.64	3,220.00	2,658.00	3,600.00	Active	1	Own	Fair	Yes	Jun. 24, '17	Dec. 28, '17
58.47		503.47	250.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 24, '17	Jan. 16, '18
393.91	75.00	1,631.81	100.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '17	Jan. 12, '18

DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1917

$ 296.54		$ 355.54	$ 400.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 31, '17	Jan. 22, '18
100.97		372.22	250.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Sep. 11, '17	Mar. 14, '18
160.00	100.00	414.40		Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 25, '17	Apr. 16, '18
254.50		504.50		Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jan. 21, '18	Jan. 21, '18
232.00		280.00	100.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	May 3, '18	May 3, '18
101.94		176.94	350.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 28, '17	Jan. 25, '18
7.42		7.42		Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Sep. 17, '17	Dec. 30, '17

DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1917

$ 967.94		$3,967.94	$1,000.00	Dorm't	2	Rent	Fair	Yes	Dec. 29, '17	Apr. 2, '18
450.00	50.00	600.00	200.00	Dorm't	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Aug. 23, '17	Mar. 9, '18
43.80	36.00	107.80	100.00	Dorm't	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jan. 8, '18	Jan. 8, '18
317.11	44.62	960.99	200.00	Dorm't	..	Rent	Fair	Yes	Oct. 1, '17	Feb. 21, '18
138.54	120.00	18.54	150.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 3, '17	Mar. 2, '18
93.11		189.91		Active	..	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 20, '17	Jan. 9, '18
800.00		380.00		Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Nov. 17, '17	Feb. 20, '18

DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1917

$ 110.42		$2,435.42	$1,750.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 15, '17	Jan. 18, '18
401.75		114.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 10, '17	Jan. 7, '18
194.75		2,500.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 12, '17	Jan. 2, '18
131.37	60.00	520.37	400.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 6, '17	Jan. 24, '18
79.66	180.34	649.33	125.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 28, '17	Jan. 2, '18
81.57		405.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 1, '17	Jan. 16, '18

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 27TH DEC. 1917

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Dead	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Rejected	Membership Dec. 27, 1916	Membership Dec. 27, 1917
1	Prince Rupert's	20	14	20	11	3	3	4	6			481	502
2	Lisgar	11	12	12	4	3	3	1	1			101	114
3	Ancient Landmark	12	11	14	6	2	5	5			2	472	482
4	St. John's	25	17	22	52	1	8	5	5			481	541
6	Emerson	2	2				1					64	65
7	Assiniboine	5	6	2	3	1		2	3			174	178
8	King Solomon	8	6	6	1	1	1	1	1			71	78
9	Oakland		1	1				3				78	75
10	Northern Light	11	10	10	5	1	5	11	5			288	284
11	Gladstone	4	1	1	1	1			3		3	64	67
12	Stonewall	9	9	8	4	1	1	1			1	86	98
13	Belmont	1	1	2	1		3	2	3			68	62
14	Prince of Wales	1	2	3	1		1					96	97
15	Corinthian		1	1				1				50	49
19	Brandon	8	10	9	4		3	3			1	214	220
24	Neepawa	3	4	1	2		1	3	7			131	125
25	Ionic	10	12	12	11	5	2	6		1	3	359	376
27	Glenwood	1	1	1	2			5	2			106	102
29	Carberry	2	2	3			1	2				76	75
30	Manitou	4	4	3			1	2		1		56	56
36	Doric											106	106
39	Birtle	6	6	5	1		2	1				50	54
40	Deloraine	7	8	8		1	2	3	4			95	94

43	Lebanon	7	6	8			1	1	1			87	91
44	Oak Lake	2	3	2	1	1		2				49	51
48	Glenboro	1		2		1	1	2	1	1		38	35
49	Temple	4	4	4		1		1	3			55	56
50	Killarney	3	3	3	2		1					66	70
51	Treherne						2	1				59	56
52	Hartney		1	1	2			2	3			68	65
54	Oriental	3	3	4			1				1	59	61
55	East Star	2	2	1								41	43
62	Russell	4	7	7			1	2	6			75	70
63	Holland	2	2	1	1		1	3				81	80
64	Composite	2	2	2	1				1			56	58
67	Wawanesa	3	1	1								40	43
68	Vermillion	17	17	17	1		1	7	24		3	199	185
70	Shiloh	1	1	1								46	47
71	Crystal	3	3	4			1	3				51	50
74	Elkhorn	4	4	3	1		3	4				88	86
75	Gothic	3	3	3	1							35	39
77	Napinka	4			2							30	36
82	Cypress	5	6	6				1	2			31	33
84	Hamiota	1	2	2	3		1	2		1		65	65
86	Elgin	2	2	1	2			1	1			53	55
87	Rathwell							1				34	33
90	Midlothian	7	5	5			1	1				82	87
92	Shoal Lake	3		1	1	1		2	4			63	62
93	King Edward	9	9	7	3		3	6	4		2	300	299
94	Hiram											46	46
99	Lauder	2	2	2				1				28	29
100	Robbie Burns						1	1				36	34
101	Binscarth	6	7	5		1	2	1	1			53	56
102	Miniota						1	1	2			39	35
103	Crescent	2	3	2		1	1				1	40	42

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 27TH DEC., 1917—CONTINUED.

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Dead	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Rejected	Membership Dec. 27, 1916	Membership Dec. 27, 1917
104	Reston	8	6	6	1		1	3			1	84	89
105	Prince Arthur					1		1				60	60
106	Strathclair	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				46	46
107	Lansdowne							1	1			39	37
108	Union	1	2	4								46	47
109	Swan Lake		1									32	32
110	Kilwinning	3	3	3	1		2	1				46	47
111	Acacia	9	7	8	4		3		11			147	146
112	Ophir	2	2	2			1		1			36	36
113	Tweed	6	8	5	5		1	2		1	1	130	137
114	"The Assiniboine"	20	14	17	8	1	9	7	2			318	329
115	Rivers	1	4	3	2	1		2	17			69	54
116	St. Andrews	1	1	1								27	28
117	Strathcona	3	3	3	2			3				37	39
118	Mound	10	9	7	1							44	55
119	Norwood	10	7	7	6		2	2			1	113	125
121	St. James	4	5	5	6							32	42
120	Penza	7	7	7	$		2		4		3	81	87
122	Roblin	1	1	1				1			2	30	30
123	Transcona	12	12	10				2	2			62	70
124	The Pas		1									23	23
125	Patricia	4	3	5	1							20	25
126	Favel	7	11	7							2	11	18
		362	346	341	173	29	88	133	131	5	27	7393	7600

LIST OF GRAND LODGES, WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alberta	S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
British Columbia	W. A. De Wolf-Smith	New Westminster
Canada (in Ontario)	R. L Gunn	Hamilton
Manitoba	James A Ovas	Winnipeg
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax
Prince Edward Island	W. P. Doull	Charlottetown
Quebec	Walter C. Hagar	Montreal
Saskatchewan	Rev. W. B. Tate	Regina

GREAT BRITAIN

England	P. Colville Smith	London
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D.G.S.	Dublin
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh

UNITED STATES

Alabama	G. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Arizona	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tuscon
Arkansas	Fay Hempsted	Little Rock
California	John Whicher	San Francisco
Colorado	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford
Delaware	Harry J. Guthrie	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	Frank F. Webster	Macon
Idaho	George E. Knepper	Boise
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Louisville
Kentucky	Dave Jackson	New Orleans
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	Portland
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Topeka
Maryland	George Cook	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Rev. F. W. Hamilton	Boston
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued.

UNITED STATES—Continued.

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Mississippi	Frederick G. Speed	Vicksburg
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Omaha
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Helena
Nevada	E. D. Vanderleith	Carson City
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	R. J. Kenworthy	New York
North Carolina	William W. Willson	Raleigh
North Dakota	W. L. Stockwell	Fargo
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnatti
Oklahoma	W. M. Anderson	Oklahoma City
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Philadelphia
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
outh Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakoka	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville
Texas	W. B. Pearson	Waco
Utah	F. A. McCarty	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Frank A. Ross	Burlington
Virginia	Charles A. Nesbitt	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	John M. Collins	Charleston
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Joseph M. Lowndes	Lander

OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	Sergio Carballo	San Jose
Cuba	Jose Marti	Havana
Egypt	J. D. Panayotti	Cairo
Mexico	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney
New South Wales	Malcolm Niccol	Christchurch
New Zealand	Newton C. Comfort	Manila
Philippine Islands	Jose G. Torres	San Juan
Porto Rico	C. H. Harley	Brisbane
Queensland	F. Austin Bell	Brisbane
Queensland (Un. G.R.E.)	F. L. Kight	Cape Town
South Africa	Chas. R. J. Glover	Adelaide
South Australia	John Hamilton	Hobart
Tasmania	C. J. Barrow	Mexico City
Victoria	Wayne A. White	Melbourne
Western Australia	J. D. Stephenson	Perth

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Alberta	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	Calgary	Sep. 9, 1907
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	Jan. 9, 1878
Canada	Frederick Cook	Ottawa	Nov. 19, 1915
New Brunswick	Donald Munro	Woodstock	Apl. 20, 1892
Nova Scotia	John A. Munro	River Herbert	July 18, 1911
Prince Ed. Island	Charles Doull	Cape Traverse	Mar. 3, 1908
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan. 14, 1918
Saskatchewan	H. H. Campkin	Regina	June 15, 1907

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

England	E. C. Mulvey	New Barnet	Mar. 1, 1911
Ireland	Rt. Rd. J. B. Crozier.	Dublin	Oct. 25, 1898
Scotland	William Lindsay	Edinburgh	Apl. 3, 1903

IN THE UNITED STATES

Alabama	George A. Joiner	Talladega	July 15, 1909
Arizona	R. H. Hethrington	Prescott	Apl. 10, 1901
Arkansas	George T. Black	Pocahontas	Sep. 13, 1911
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	Sep. 10, 1891
Connecticut	David R. Alling	New Haven	Aug. 18, 1902
Delaware	Andr. L. Johnson	Wilmington	Oct. 16, 1895
Dist. of Columbia	Frank B. Curtis	Washington	July 20, 1908
Florida	Geo. B. Glover	Monticello	May 30, 1904
Georgia	J. A. McDonald	Plains	Jan. 19, 1916
Idaho	Martin Cathcart	Placerville	
Illinois	Hugh R. Stewart	New Albany	Sep. 10, 1901
Indiana	Geo. W. Snyder	Chicago	Apl. 17, 1903
Iowa	G. M. VanLeuven	Osage	Sep. 30, 1885
Kansas	John A. Ferrell	Sedan	Nov. 1, 1911
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May 1, 1895
Maine	Albert M. Ames	Stockton Springs	Nov. 24, 1908
Maryland	Chas. L. Merriken	Baltimore	Feb. 20, 1911
Michigan	R. P. Anderson	Port Huron	Apl. 1, 1916
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	St. Paul	Feb. 4, 1893
Mississippi	J. Rice Williams	Houston	Apl. 9, 1912
Missouri	Charles H. Pope	St. Louis	Sep. 19, 1916

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

IN THE UNITED STATES—Continued.

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Montana	Elliott F. Farnham	Butte	Mar. 9, 1915
Nebraska	Elias W. Beghtol	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Nevada	Alex. O. Percy	Goldhill	July 23, 1907
New Hampshire	H. L. Sanderson	Nashua	Nov. 25, 1910
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Camden	Nov. 23, 1894
New Mexico	J. J. Kelly	Silver City	Mar. 1, 1892
Ohio	Esbon B. Rew	Buffalo	June 1, 1916
North Dakota	Samuel H. Smith	Winston	May 13, 1891
New York	Gus. B. Metzger	Williston	Sep. 26, 1914
North Carolina	Chas. L. H. Long	Newark	Oct. 19, 1909
Oklahoma	Wm. J. Oakes	Grant	July 7, 1909
Oregon	Wm. H. Hobson	Salem	Jan. 24, 1899
Rhode Island	H. L. Carpenter	Providence	Apl. 16, 1908
South Carolina	Thomas G. Perrin	Abbeville	Dec. 28, 1914
South Dakota	John A. Cleaver	Huron	Apl. 2, 1902
Tennessee	O. R. Stansberry	Coal Creek	Sep. 10, 1915
Texas	Bert. K. Hawkins	Brownwood	Nov. 26, 1917
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	Sep. 12, 1890
Vermont	E. B. Whittaker	Barre	May 20, 1891
Virginia	Frank Gilmer	Charlottesville	Feb. 8, 1899
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellensburg	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia	James Luke, Jr.	New Cumberland	Dec. 10, 1898
Wisconsin	John Gill	Milwaukee	July 14, 1899

IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	Joseph Ramsey	San Jose	Sep. 19, 1916
Cuba, Island of	Franc. R. Machado	Havana	Mar. 1, 1913
Egypt	Michal Bay Saleh	Cairo	July 4, 1902
Mexico	J. Lynde-Lockwood	Mexico City	Sep. 9, 1909
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct. 13, 1913
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct. 15, 1909
Philippine Islands	George N. Hurd	Manila	Jan. 5, 1915
Porto Rico	Geo. W. Roberts	San Juan	Oct. 1, 1917
Queensland	Charles F. Driver	Brisbane	Aug. 19, 1915
South Australia	J. Magor Symons	Adelaide	Jan. 7, 1892
Tasmania	T. W. Fowler	Hobart	Jan. 31, 1916
Victoria	W. R. Edwards	Melbourne	Dec. 1, 1903
West'n Australia	R. T. Robinson	Perth	Jan. 7, 1901

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
Alberta	Albert J. Hatcher	Brandon	June 17, 1910
British Columbia	James Scroggie	Winnipeg	Oct. 6, 1885
Canada	Most Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	Mar. 9, 1904
New Brunswick	Sidney E. Lang	Winnipeg	July 25, 1918
Nova Scotia	John Wemyss	Neepawa	Jan. 20, 1902
Prince Ed. Island	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June 22, 1899
Quebec	J. T. Black	Winnipeg	June 12, 1895
Saskatchewan	Chas. N. Bell	Winnipeg	June 15, 1907

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

England	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg	Nov. 5, 1908
Ireland	Edward M. Walker	Winnipeg	Oct. 8, 1914
Scotland	Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg	Aug. 5, 1897

FROM THE UNITED STATES

Alabama	J. S. Armitage	Minnedosa	Dec. 11, 1912
Arizona	Wm. A. Ducker	Winnipeg	June 15, 1907
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie	Jan. 5, 1899
Colorado	Herbert L. Rixon	Brandon	Feb. 15, 1916
Connecticut	William J. Major	Winnipeg	Oct. 30, 1917
Delaware	John Coulter	Treherne	Apl. 2, 1915
Dist. of Columbia	G. S. McGregor	Mekiwin	June 20, 1900
Florida	James D. Baine	Winnipeg	May 21, 1897
Georgia	Alex. McIntyre	Winnipeg	June 5, 1914
Idaho	John R. Grant	Wninipeg	July 15, 1910
Illinois	Robert T. Hewitt	Morden	Apl. 8, 1915
Indiana	Alex. Burns	Brandon	Apl. 28, 1913
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June 17, 1889
Maine	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine	Dec. 20, 1898
Maryland	D. H. McFadden	Emerson	Jan. 5, 1899
Michigan			
Minnesota	Thos. W. Taylor	Winnipeg	Dec. 26, 1898
Mississippi	W. R. McConnell	Winnipeg	Oct. 30, 1917
Missouri	R. P. Crookshank	Rapid City	July 21, 1901
Montana	Jas. Johnson	Boissevain	July 29, 1908
Nebraska	H. E. Bletcher	Winnipeg	June 11, 1913
Nevada	E. A. Struthers	Winnipeg	Dec. 11, 1902
New Hampshire	Rev. A. Chisholm	Bield	Dec. 15, 1902

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

FROM THE UNITED STATES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico	John Dickson	Brandon	June 17, 1908
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	Jan. 30, 1879
North Carolina	Fred. L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	Mar. 22, 1906
North Dakota	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk	Jan. 5, 1899
Ohio	W. C. Copeland	Winnipeg	Jan. 22, 1886
Oklahoma	P. E. Kellett	Winnipeg	May 28, 1914
Oregon	A. L. Young	Souris	Dec. 29, 1898
Rhode Island	Jas. G. Dagg	Winnipeg	Dec. 8, 1894
South Carolina	Wm. A. Windatt	Winnipeg	Mar. 31, 1891
South Dakota	Herbert H. Goulter	Virden	Dec. 1, 1897
Tennessee	J. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	Henry J. Pugh	Brandon	Aprl 3, 1899
Utah	Jos. M. Robinson	Winnipeg	May 6, 1903
Vermont	R. H. Brotherhood	Elkhorn	May 16, 1918
Virginia	Robt. Hill Myers	Winnipeg	Dec. 30, 1898
Washington	J. Malcolm Suttie	Winnipeg	Mar. 19, 1906
West Virginia	William Fenwick	Brandon	Dec. 29, 1898
Wisconsin	John T. Persse	Winnipeg	July 3, 1907

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	T. Harry Webb	Winnipeg	Aug. 23, 1902
Cuba, Island of	E. T. Greenway	Crystal City	Mar. 22, 1906
Egypt	William Chambers	Hamiota	June 1, 1906
Mexico	Robt. T. Butchart	Minnedosa	Oct. 21, 1911
New South Wales	Sir D. H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1899
New Zealand	Rev. Canon Garton	St. Boniface	June 2, 1906
Philippine Islands	Rev. A. W. Goulding	Holland	Feb. 20, 1915
Porto Rico	Charles D. Kerr	Wawanesa	June 1, 1915
Queensland	William Conner	Morden	Jan. 4, 1917
South Australia	Corbet Locke	Morden	Apl. 2, 1900
Tasmania	William Douglas	Winnipeg	May 17, 1917
Victoria	Peter Duncan	Birtle	June 15, 1907
West'n Australia	John Watson	Beausejour	May 15, 1918

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, July 9th, A.D. 1919, A.L. 5919.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71) Crystal City—Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), Winnipeg..Dep. Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), Brandon....Grand Sr. Warden
R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), Winnipeg....Grand Jr. Warden
R.W. Bro. Edward H. Dewart (48), Glenboro..................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Frank W. Buggey (115), Rivers......................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Pollock (27), Souris..................................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Charles H. Spearin (113), Brandon..............D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Aaron W. Badger (9), Carman........................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Watson (112), Beausejour......................D.D.G.M.
V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), Winnipeg, as..Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas P.G.M. (27), Winnipeg..Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. Thos. G. Bethell (10), Winnipeg..Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Edward Bolton (19), Brandon......Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Thomas G. Finn (13), Morden....Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. William McLellan (114), Wpg. as Gr. D. of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. James J. White (25), Winnipeg, as......Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. Urquhart F. Mutch (71), Crystal City....Grand Steward
W. Bro. Albert Chard (103), Elm Creek.........as Grand Steward
W. Bro. Will Gibben (25), Winnipeg, as......Grand Pursuivant
V.W. Bro. Charles L. Maynes (120), Dominion City....Grand Tyler

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M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3)	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Christopher H. Forrest (10)	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1)	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84)	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Charles N. Bell (10)	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113)	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4)	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4)	Hon. Past Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25)	Past D.D.G. Master
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R.W. Bro. J. Malcolm Suttie (3)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. Norman McDougall (6)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. William J. Sanders (50)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. Peter Duncan (39)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. John L. McKay (24)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113)	Past D.D.G. Master
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R.W. Bro. James J. White (25)	Past D.D.G. Master
R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114)	Past D.D.G. Master
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R.W. Bro. Rev. James S. Miller (71)	Past Grand Chaplain

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England	M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
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Bro. Alexander McIntyre, J.W. (122)
W. Bro. Edward C. Hawkins, W.M. (123)
W. Bro. David Reid, W.M. (126)

OPENING

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell (10), Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), seconded by W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114), Grand Lodge commended and confirmed the action of the M.W. the Grand Master in postponing the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge until after the conclusion of the General Strike in Winnipeg.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), the regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business was taken as read.

M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett drew the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that the amendment offered the previous year to the motion to receive and adopt the report on Fraternal Relations, (page 613 Proceedings 1918), was not accepted by Grand Lodge exactly as it appeared in the Printed Proceedings.

That Grand Lodge did not as one might infer, take away from its Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence the prerogative of dealing with our foreign relations with jurisdictions not now recognized.

That the Special Committee referred to in the said amendment was delegated to secure further information pertaining to the fraternal recognition of those four bodies only, viz: The Grand Orient of France, The Grand Orient of Italy, The Grand Orient of The Netherlands and the Grand Lodge of Norway, with whom fraternal relations were recommended by the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence. W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott the mover of the said amendment concurred in this statement.

On motion of V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. William Conner (13), the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Forty-third Annual Communication held in the City of Winnipeg on the twelfth and thirteenth days of June, 1918, were taken as read and confirmed as printed but with the correction to be made as noted above.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The M.W. the Grand Master then read his address, as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:—

I bring you most cordial and affectionate greeting. In welcoming you to the labors of this forty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I trust that our bowed heads may symbolize hearts of humility and gratitude to Almighty God for manifold blessings which have strewn our pathway during the year just closed. By no means the least of these blessings is that privilege of genuine fellowship whose warm charm grows on one from year to year and which is the peculiar possession of our great fraternity.

A year ago we met under the dark shadow and deep anxiety of the world war which had then been raging for almost four years; even but a few months since we were asking the question not hopelessly, yet not without some wavering of faith, "Can it be possible that in this struggle might will yet conquer right?" Today we are rejoicing that justice and right have triumphed, that the indomitable soul of man is a greater thing than the hugest military machine and, because of that fact, that victory has been vouchsafed to our arms. We have never had reason to be ashamed of the contribution that Canada was able to make to so great a cause, and although the end did not come in just the time or the manner which we expected, we are since assured and are prouder than ever that the operations of the Canadian army vitally hastened the collapse of the enemy in the western theatre of war. And today as we think of the men who comprised this army carrying on month after month and year after year lofty in purpose, clean in principle, and resplendent in unconquerable power we apply the words of Poet Laureate Bridges as a fitting eulogy;

"they put on Canada's glory as a common coat." In this army of Canadian noblemen many of our brother masons served. Ninety of these are sleeping peacefully in poppyclad fields over there, having fallen with the consciousness that the "torch thrown from their failing hands" had been caught up and that the "quarrel with the foe" would be fought on to a glorious finish. To our brethren who have returned, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, I extend a most hearty welcome home.

Our hearts go out to those at home to whom the close of the war has left only the cherished memory of their loved and lost. We also record with sorrow the loss of a number of brethren since we last met. Death has been a familiar figure and we are learning with sadness what many of these departed brethren have learned with joy that death is after all only an incident in life. In its presence men are honest and see the true worth of their stricken fellows. There is nothing but good to record and no better eulogy could be spoken than that they were men and true masons. The names of the brethren who have answered the Great Architect's call will appear in the report of the Committee on the Fraternal dead, which will receive your sympathetic attention.

Brethren, we stand pledged to see that no brother's family shall lack for the necessaries of life or sink under a burden of sorrow if we are able to relieve their wants or sooth their griefs. The lesson taught in the Childhood of Masonic life is one that is meant to be practised when we have reached the stature of Manhood. It seems scarcely necessary that your Grand Master should emphasize the duty of each lodge in the jurisdiction making immediate provision for a suitable memorial to fallen brethren and I would recommend that each lodge would provide in its bylaws, where such does not already exist, for a local Benevolent Fund. I would strongly urge that all members who have not the inward satisfaction of duty done on behalf of the Benevolent fund would make it the channel for a practical application of that first great principle.

I do not think it out of harmony with the philanthropy or spirit of Freemasonry that this Grand Lodge should make a place in the Lodge for the Flag of our country which probably enjoys more freedom than any other land on earth. But we are finding out more each day that Lowell spoke strange truth when he wrote:

"We are not free; Freedom doth not consist
In musing with our faces toward the past
While petty cares and crawling interests twist
Their spider threads about us, which at last
Grow strong as iron chains and bind
In formal narrowness, heart, soul and mind.
Freedom is recreated year by year
In hearts wide open on the Godward side."

The flag of our land has been, and ought ever to be, the symbol of Freedom in its broadest and best sense; our new members, all members, ought to be inspired to true patriotism, which is a thing of the soul. Evidences multiply daily that true patriotism is an outstanding requisite. The patriotism which has been tested by the fierce fires of war ought to stand the test of perplexing problems of peace, and when the best memorial has been erected by this or any other organization there will still remain a better, not more a memorial, than a plain duty and actual necessity; the best monument that we can build to commemorate the sacrifice of citizen soldiers is to establish a higher standard and type of citizenship at home. We shall learn that this cannot be done without sacrifice on our part. While we are rejoicing over the formal signing of the Peace Treaty, which fixes Canada's status among the nations of the world, true citizens of this new nation will see tremendous responsibilities ahead. The conclusion of Peace is merely the close of one chapter and opening of another.

The past year has been the most unusual in our history. The year that saw the close of the world war also records the most widespread epidemic of disease of modern times, which has claimed countless victims and has been a veritable plague in certain localities. You are well acquainted with these conditions which made lodge meetings impossible, but we rejoice in the fact that the demand for a practical expression of helpfulness and brotherhood was met by such a generous response and by a demonstration that Freemasonry is not a mere matter of grips and signs, but a vital force in practical service.

I had looked forward with pleasure to meeting my brethren in the various districts and had arranged for five meetings during October and November, commencing with the Tenth Masonic District at Emerson on Oct. 18th. All these meetings were postponed, and although I again wrote the Deputy Grand Masters on February 26th in an effort to arrange further dates, conditions at that time were even worse than in the fall, and only in one case was such a meeting thought advisable. In this failure, for which no one is responsible, I feel that the Grand Master has been the loser. I am therefore unable to make any suggestions from new experience as to the value to the craft of district meetings, but since being deprived of the privilege has meant such keen disappointment to myself, it is safe to assume that the importance of social intercourse in such gatherings should not be underestimated. At the same time, were one to judge from criticisms heard in more recent years and from experiences of past Grand Lodge Officers, it is evident that the District meeting of the past cannot find a place in the future, and my suggestion is that a special committee be appointed to take into full consideration the question of such meetings, and if it is thought advisable that such be held, to arrange after conference with the District Deputy Grand Masters for a uniform programme which might yield practical results and develop something of community spirit among lodges. The responsibility of District Deputy Grand Masters for the condition of Freemasonry is increasingly great and it seems a heavy demand to make that the success of such meetings should depend so largely upon the personality of one particular brother whose experience has perhaps been limited. In this connection I feel strongly that the system followed in some districts of choosing District Deputies by rotation of lodges is not in the best interests of the craft, and I would recommend that the practice be discontinued. Capable and efficient officers are available each year, but usually the best men must be sought.

Perhaps I may be permitted to insert briefly at this point a few practical suggestions which it had been my purpose to emphasize on occasion of official visits. More and more is it evident that the success or failure of a lodge is closely linked up with the personality of the Worshipful Master. The practice of electing a brother to the ruling office of the lodge merely because he has filled a junior chair is an unhealthy one. A year or two as an occupant of a warden's chair should be regarded by himself and the lodge as probationary. Although it is important that he should prove well skilled it is essential that he properly interpret Masonry to his brethren. This demands more of him than the commitment to memory of his work. Along with the care in the choice of officers in our lodges, I should like to counsel as of even greater importance the most scrupulous supervision in the selection of candidates. Many are seeking membership and with the return of more settled conditions our increase will be larger than ever. The lodge which becomes tainted with the spirit of commercialism and has regard for numbers rather than material is making a fatal blunder which results in injury to the entire craft. While it is impossible to make a rule determining qualifications for membership, I am of the opinion that an applicant should have proven his worth, and we are safe in taking the closest possible measurement, assuring ourselves that he has been a worthy citizen, a good neighbor, and has not defiled his soul's temple. And no one who profanes the name of God is worthy of Freemasonry. Brethren, guard well the portals of your lodges and in cases of doubt give the institution the benefit. Committees of investigation are in a position to render signal service, but too often their work is done in a perfunctory manner.

Growing out of this is another vital matter, namely our assistance to those whom we do accept as members. Masonry is a system of education and it is unfair that a brother newly admitted should be left to grope along the road to knowledge without a guide. Much of the inertia of which many lodges complain is due to a lack of definite programme in this regard. It is to be regretted that the plans for study clubs as suggested by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education have not received wider co-operation. This committee has given valuable hints and their usefulness in the future will depend largely upon the measure of support received from the constituent lodges. Personally I should like to see each candidate be the recipient of some concise up-to-date treatise on Freemasonry similar to the one so used in the Grand Lodge of Iowa, compiled by Bro. Fort Newton. The future of Freemasonry is closely connected with and depends much upon a uniform programme of education, and if we are to keep abreast of new conditions and new ideals our Masonic thinking must be stimulated and vision enlarged. I trust that for the coming year definite action in this regard may develop in all our lodges.

I wish also to impress upon our lodges the desirability of keeping local history written, which in after years will prove of value to the craft. A few of our lodges are nearing the half-century mark; many are more than twenty-five years old. The changes of the past few years have been many and are worthy of record. We are discussing questions today that did not have a place but yesterday.

There are numbers of nonaffiliated masons in this jurisdiction which fact is not most creditable to our institution. Many of these would be helpful members and a little kindly interest shown would probably result in their becoming actively connected with the lodge where they reside. A brother who may have been unfortunate is not necessarily an undersirable. Might I suggest that each lodge make a strong effort to remedy this condition during the coming year.

Under the heading, "Official Acts," mention should be made of a circular letter issued under date Sept. 3rd, 1918, to all lodges who had not subscribed their allotment to the Bi-Centenary Fund. The work of this Committee has been much interfered with owing to unusual conditions. Now that proper legislation has been provided and since the need has been so strangely demonstrated, it would be unfortunate indeed if one lodge were to fail to pay its share.

On Sept. 30th, 1918, I circularized all lodges on behalf of the Second Victory Loan. It is worthy of note that Canada's Victory Bonds are today the most valuable of all such securities.

A letter of complaint from a lodge regarding the report of a D.D.G.M. in the 1918 proceedings, was received in September and instructions given the present D.D.G.M. to investigate. The matter was then referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry for their information. Numbers of changes in by-laws consequent on the change of Constitution were approved during the year and a number of dispensations granted, none of which require special mention. The Grand Secretary's report will acquaint you with these. No decisions of importance were asked for.

Mention should also be made here of a letter from the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec under date Nov. 20th in which he stressed the idea of better co-operation between and concerted action by the various Grand Lodges in Canada. He also suggested matters resulting from the war which in his opinion should be dealt with by Masonic Grand Bodies, instancing Educational matters, Our Widows and Orphans, Industrial Relations, Social Service, Eradication of Tuberculosis, Aiding National efforts to take care of war problems and reconstruction. I replied to this letter asking some further information and referred the correspondence to the board for consideration.

Under date of February 25th, 1919, the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England extended an invitation to your Grand Master and Grand Secretary to be present at an especial Grand Lodge to be held in Albert Hall, London, on June 27th, in order that the English craft might unitedly give expression to the Great Architect for the cessation of hostilities and blessings of Peace. Due acknowledgment was made by myself and a suitable reply sent from the Board.

It is my privilege to commend most heartily the action of the Brethren of the First Masonic District last December in arranging for and attending a service of Thanksgiving to the Great Architect of the Universe on the signing of the armistice. The service held in Grace Church, Winnipeg, was very impressive Had conditions permitted I should have issued a proclamation asking for a similar observance throughout the jurisdiction and would here suggest that when a national commemoration day is set that each lodge should meet in its own room, if possible, for the purpose of prayer and thanksgiving. It is my conviction that we as Freemasons do not apportion our days as we are taught we should and that prayer does not find as large a place in our time as it might.

Brethren, will you accept my deep appreciation for the honor which you saw fit to confer upon me a year ago, and accept my sincere regret that I have been unable to render a greater measure of service? At the conclusion of my term as official head of masonry in this jurisdiction I find myself asking the same question as at the beginning: What does the future hold for Freemasonry and of what practical service can we as Masons be in grappling with some of the heartbreaking problems confronting us this very hour? It is a much more serious thing to be a Freemason today than it has ever been in our history. The agenda of the hour everywhere is reconstruction; with us perhaps it is construction. To build a lovlier world, to dry the tears of mourners, to turn sorrow into joy, to replace chaos with order: is this part of the work of our institution? I think it is, and it calls for men of broad vision and a sublime faith in God. Never in the world's history has there been such a need for the practice of the principles on which our order is founded and which we profess to love. One cannot look out over the world with its seething unrest without reaching the irresistible conclusion that we face the day of crisis. Under the shock and strain of the collosal struggle methods and systems operating on wrong bases have crumbled like sand before a cloudburst. The past few months have demonstrated that our social and economic structure must be rebuilt on a surer, saner foundation, for we must agree that the system which turns out at one end a few multimillionaires and at the other thousands of poor, is one that will end in disaster, because it is a system in which brotherhood cannot thrive. We cannot have profiteers without paupers. Civilization is not safe under present day conditions. In making over industrial conditions neither labor, which stunts personality or swallows individualism, nor capital which regards men as a commodity or with suspicion, can be tolerated.

"The crest and crowning of all good,
Life's final star, Brotherhood;
For it will bring again to Earth
Her long-lost Poesy and Mirth;
Will send new light on every face,
A kingly power upon the race.
And till it comes we men are slaves,
And travel downward to the dust of graves.

Come, clear the way, then, clear the way;
Blind creeds and kings have had their day.
Break the dead branches from the path;
Our hope is in the aftermath—
Our hope is in heroic men,
Star-led to build the world again.
To this event the ages ran;
Make way for brotherhood—make way for Man.

Brethren, whatever of change the future holds for our Fraternity, and there shall be changes, I have the firm conviction that the pressing duty of the moment for you and me as individuals is to examine the brand of Masonry which we are wearing. Will it square up with or fall below the level of that fundamental principle enunciated by the Man of Galilee? In appearance nothing is more simple than the Truth which He taught as the Truth which makes men free; in reality and in practise nothing is more difficult than to extricate it from the complexities of modern life. During the past few years through national organization we have learned that for some things others can be substituted, but we shall never find a substitute for Brotherhood. The war has been a sterner teacher of the same truth which the Great Teacher proclaimed as fundamental and only as we accept that teaching can we hope to build well and properly use what has been bought by the blood of men who have learned so much of brotherhood and comradeship in a way most of us can never know it.

A brother whose writings have endeared him to the Masonic world has given us a beautiful word picture of the day when that Spirit of Masonry shall be universal. He says:

"When that spirit has its way upon earth as at last it surely "will, society will be a vast communion of kindness and justice, "business a system of human service, law a rule of beneficence; "the home will be more holy, the laughter of childhood more "joyous, and the temple of prayer mortised and tenoned in simple "faith. Evil, injustice, bigotry, greed and every vile and slimy "thing that defiles and defames humanity will skulk into the "dark unable to bear the light of a juster, wiser and more merciful order. Industry will be upright, education prophetic, and "religion not a shadow but a Real Presence when man has become acquainted with man and has learned to worship God by "serving his fellows. When Masonry is victorious every tyranny "will fall, every bastile crumble and man will not only be unfettered in mind and hand, but free of heart to walk erect in "the light of liberty and truth. Toward a great friendship the "world is slowly moving amid difficulties and delays, reactions "and reconstructions."

I close my message, brethren, by reminding you of the great privilege and responsibility that is ours in seeking to properly interpret that true spirit of Freemasonry before God and our fellowmen. I trust that our efforts in that direction may be proportionate to the immensity of our task. The following note of optimism given us by a seer whose name is not known to me may be an inspiration to you as it has so often of late been to myself.

"The dawn is golden with the hopes of God
As earth swings down the paths of change again,
Beneath His busy Hand new worlds arise
Whose towers yet unfinished call for Men.

Our creeds forgotten and our dreams outgrown
Fade with a night—A groping nation cries
For leaders in the dawn—Shall God look down
And find no vision gleaming in our eyes?

Trough all the bitter dust and smoke of war
His patient fingers toiled and never ceased,
And dim beyond those meadows streaked with Death
The sunrise glistens on His age of Peace.

Be strong; the very earth's athrob with change,
This is an hour for men to toil and pray;
God's challenge echoes to the watching stars,
A world to build. And look: the dawning day."

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. GREENWAY,
Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), the M.W. the Grand Master's Address was referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS.

Letters were read from the following brethren expressing their regret at not being able to be present:—

M.W. Bro. George B. Murphy, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. James Scroggie, Past Grand Master.
M.W. Bro. James D. Baine, Past Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart, Past D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Arthur S. Thompson, Past D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor, Past D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin, Past D.D. Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. William R. McConnell, D.D. Grand Master.
V.W. Bro. John H. G. Russell, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The following telegrams intended for our June meeting were read, suitable replies having been sent:—

Edward T. Greenway, Grand Master,
Winnipeg, Man.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa in celebrating their Diamond Jubilee, sends Fraternal Greetings to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and rejoice in the fact that the Brethren of our two jurisdictions are so closely united.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE L. SCHOONOVER,
Grand Master.

James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary,
Winnipeg, Man.

The Grand Lodge of Washington sends Fraternal Greetings. We greatly enjoyed a visit from Bro. John W. Harris.

Yours Fraternally,
H. W. TYLER,
Grand Secretary.

PRESENTATION TO M. W. BRO. PERCY E. KELLETT, PAST GRAND MASTER

M. W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, Grand Master, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented M. W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett, Past Grand Master, with a handsome chain, collar and jewel, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. and A. M.:

M.W. Sir and Bro.:

When last we gathered in Annual Communication the whole world was shaking under the iron tread of the oncoming, ruthless and victorious Hun. The shadows of doubt seemed to darken our doors. We went about with minds subdued and hearts oppressed with the possibility of defeat, realizing what such a calamity would mean to the cause of liberty, democracy and human brotherhood. Then when the clouds seemed the darkest, the retreat ceased, and under the guidance of an over-ruling Providence, our splendid men threw back the foe in disorder and never ceased to attack and harass him, until on November 11th, 1918, he was glad to sign articles of armistice which virtually ended the war. We rejoiced in the great victory for the forces of democracy and in the release of our men from the dangers and vicissitudes of war, and it was felt by the leaders of the Lodges in this District that Masonry should in some public manner show to the world at large where we stood on the question of participation in the war and its victorious conclusion. After due consideration it was decided that this should take the form of a service of thanksgiving. This service was arranged and took place in Grace Church on December 8th, with a large and representative attendance of the brethren.

Early last Fall I mapped out a programme of my work for the year, arranging that every Lodge in the District should be visited at least once during my term of office. Shortly after this I was advised by my employers that they would expect me to go to their office in Regina for a term of six months commencing December 1st, 1918. I then speeded up my programme of visits with the intention of having them completed before I left. Unfortunately the dread influenza epidemic reached us and a ban was put on all public meetings, which prevented me from completing my visits. This has been a matter of great regret to me, but has been unavoidable under the circumstances.

In the address that I was privileged to make to the brethren, I spoke largely along the line of lodge organization, the better to fit us to handle our work, and making our meetings bright and attractive to our members so as to get the largest attendance possible and put the full force of our membership behind the solving of the problems we have before us.

I also devoted some attention to consideration of the future position of Freemasonry in the life of our community and nation. I believe the time has arrived when we will have to throw down some of the barriers that we have built about our Institution, and broaden and enlarge our outlook upon conditions outside our Lodge sphere. Stupendous problems face our national life and threaten its very existence, and I know of no greater power to assist in the solving of these difficulties than the influence of a united brotherhood. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and help to get our civilization out of the quagmires of doubt and difficulty into which it has floundered. Men have died by thousands for a principle and in the days to come we will be measured not alone by the beauty of our teachings and the constancy of our friendship, but rather by what we have been able to do to make this a better and a brighter world for humanity. This is essentially a day of action, and Freemasonry must take its place in the forefront of the world's benefactors, or it will have lost an opportunity for service that may never return.

All the lodges in District No. 1 are in a good healthy condition and prospects for the future look very bright. Candidates are coming in in large numbers, and the number of affiliations is also increasing. Our lodges are many of them overworked keeping pace with the degree work required, but the officers are facing the situation nobly and the necessary sacrifice of time and energy is being made. Notwithstanding the number of meetings required, I am very glad to note that most of the lodges are setting aside some time to be devoted to the social and intellectual side of Masonic life. This is as it should be. Only by making our meetings bright and educative can we hope to retain the attention and activity of our best members, and make Freemasonry the force it should be in the community. Several of our Lodges have discontinued the practice of conferring degrees at their regular meetings and are setting these aside for the transaction of business and giving time to enable their members to become closer acquainted, usually devoting a portion of each meeting to an address on some subject of Masonic interest. This has resulted in an increased interest among the members and a larger attendance at our meetings.

Our lodges are gradually adopting new fields of activity, the better to enable them to accomplish the work that lies before them. Among these I might mention the fact that some of our lodges are issuing magazines and monthly news letters for circulation among their members in order to keep the rank and file closer in touch with the work of the Lodge, and at the same time instil some good Masonic education and uplift. This is a feature that will develop, and is producing beneficial results, particularly among our larger lodges.

A feature of the year that has been most pleasing to all has been the welcoming home of our brethren returning from service overseas. They have been received with an enthusiastic heartiness by their Masonic brethren that must warm their hearts and ease their minds. The hard days of re-establishment lie before them, and we have a glorious opportunity of helping them back to the old paths of civil and home life. Herein lies our opportunity for service and I trust that none of us will fail in meeting our responsibilities in this regard.

The esoteric work in the lodges is being carefully looked after, and the degrees are being conferred in a thorough and impressive manner. The candidates are also being thoroughly posted in the work of the several degrees, and care is being taken to direct their thoughts along lines of Masonic activity and uplift.

A most friendly and cordial spirit exists between the members of the different lodges, and interlodge visits are frequently made. These visits are a splendid innovation. They not only promote a closer feeling among the members of the different lodges, but the interchange of ideas is of great assistance in developing the organization of lodge work and broadening the outlook of its members.

Empire Lodge U. D. under the guiding hand of V. W. Brother W. R. Smith has been making steady progress. I had intended to visit this Lodge at their October meeting but the ban on public meetings at that time prevented this. I arranged with R. W. Brother Alex. McIntyre, D.G.M., to visit them on my behalf, and with the report that he has sent me I have no hesitation in recommending that they be granted a charter. Brother McIntyre reports that they have a good grasp of the degree work, that a good feeling exists at their meetings, and that they have a proper outlook as to the future they wish for their Lodge.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to report that the utmost harmony and good will prevails among the different lodges, that material and spiritual progress is being made, and that I consider the lodges are better fitted than ever before to deal with the new and complex problems of lodge life that lie before them.

Thanking you for the honor conferred and the trust reposed in me, and regretting that I have not been able to do more for the advancement of the Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. R. McCONNELL, D.D.G.M.,
First Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

M.W. Sir and Bro.:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District.

I regret I was unable to carry out the programme of visitations I had hoped to make. A large number of the members in our district being farmers it was not deemed advisable owing to the labor shortage to make any official visits until after the harvest and threshing operations were completed. The epidemic known as "Spanish Flu" had by this time become very prevalent throughout the Province with the consequence that meetings of all kinds were generally prohibited. It seemed that our district was more affected by the disease after the provincial ban was raised than before, which rendered visitations very uncertain. Owing to this we were not able to hold the usual district meeting, and thus missed the opportunity to which we always look forward of meeting the Grand Officers and receiving further lessons in Masonic Craftsmanship and service.

I took up the matter of Bi-Centenary Fund with the lodges who had not completed their allotment both by correspondence and personal interviews. I am satisfied that in consequence of the demands made on them for patriotic and other funds the resident members have done about all that could have been expected from them. The non-resident who constitutes easily one-third of the membership, and who practically has not contributed anything, is the reason why these lodges have failed to make up the amount expected. I feel satisfied, however, if the present crop prospects are fulfilled, and the time for payment is extended another year that the lodges will do their duty by the fund.

I am pleased to report that Masonry is a live institution in this district, and now that our soldier brethren are returning and peace has been restored I am sure that great progress will be made in the immediate future both numerically and fraternally. I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the honor conferred on me, and the courtesy and kindness they extended to me on every opportunity. I regret exceedingly that circumstances did not permit me to perform my duties as I hoped to do, and as the brethren had a right to expect from me.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. DEWART, D.D.G.M.
Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

M. W. Sir and Bro.:

I have the honor to submit the report on Freemasonry of the Fourth Masonic District. As I have only visited two Lodges, Deloraine No. 40 and Doric No. 36, I have had to depend on the yearly report of the Secretary of each Lodge to the D.D.G.M.

These reports were all good and indicate that each Lodge is prosperous and prospects good. Owing to the outbreak of Spanish Influenza our District meeting (which was arranged for Oct. 23, 1918) had to be postponed and the ban on public meetings delayed things so long that it was finally abandoned altogether. I had intended to make my official visits to the several Lodges early in the new year, but again was compelled to wait.

Unfortunately I was taken ill with the malady myself about the first of March, which resulted in my being unable to visit the Lodges at a distance.

On the 15th of May Belmont Lodge held a meeting, at which Districts No. 4, No. 8 and No. 10 were invited, where the M.W. Bro. Greenway, M.W. Bro. Locke and others were to be present and give addresses. Unfortunately I had an engagement at Brandon to fulfill which prevented my being present.

I made several appeals by letter to those Lodges who had not completed their Bi-Centenary campaign, and personally made an appeal at both Deloraine No. 40 and Doric No. 36.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of the Fourth Masonic District for having conferred on me the honor of being D.D.G. Master, and so express my keen regret that the flu epidemic prevented our District meeting, and also my own personal visits, to which I had looked forward with a great deal of pleasure.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR T. HAINSWORTH, D.D.G.M.
Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.:

M.W. Sir and Bro.:

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District for the past year.

I seemed best to begin my visitation of the Lodges when the rush of the season's work was over; unfortunately, I had but well begun when the influenza made its appearance in District No. 5. Thereafter many of the meetings which I had arranged to attend were cancelled. Indeed, it became impossible to cover the district. I am, therefore, unable to report that I have visited all the Lodges.

I had the pleasure to visit officially Birtle, Binscarth and Russell Lodges on their regular meeting nights in October, Rivers Lodge on their regular meeting night in February and Corinthian on their regular meeting night in March. I am pleased to report that a committee of Past Masters and charter members of each lodge was appointed to undertake the task of preparing and keeping up-to-date an historical record in the register outlining the formation and life of each Lodge, also in each case the Lodge appointed a Committee on Masonic Research. Russell Lodge, on the occasion of my visit, arranged that one of their past masters would prepare a paper on this subject to be read at their next regular meeting. The lodges above mentioned evinced interest in their work, and I learned from the routine business of the meetings that they were directing their efforts along lines of charity and relief when occasions required. I was also impressed with the fact that these lodges were more anxious to make Masons than members.

I regret to report that no district meeting of District No. 5 was held this year. This meeting had been anticipated with unusual interest by the many active members of the district and I am sure it was a keen disappointment to all, when it became evident that such meeting would be impossible on account of the epidemic which continued throughout the district till springtime.

I am convinced that District No. 5 is keeping step with the times, and that ideals controlled by moral and spiritual forces are taking still stronger hold of our brethren, that the society of the future will rest securely upon the basis of co-operation. The war having taught us that the common man is the hero, we know now as never before that the safety of all depends upon the help of each.

In this new day service is king; authority is not from without, but from an inner moral force which manifests itself in service and goodwill.

During the dark days of the fall and winter, attendance upon the sick seemed like trysting with death, yet Masons shirked not their duty, and those who are gone, and they are not a few, left behind them the fragrant memory of men to whom Brotherhood and duty were sacred words.

The lodges of District No. 5 are welcoming members who are returning from active service and find them more Masons than ever.

In conclusion, I would acknowledge the kindness and courtesy accorded me on my official visits. It has been a source, not only of pleasure but profit to me to have acted in the capacity of District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, and I trust that harmony and prosperity may ever continue.

Fraternally submitted

F. W. BUGGEY, D.D.G.M.,
Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

M. W. Sir and Bro.—

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Sixth Masonic District.

I have visited all the lodges in this District and in every case I find the books well kept and the finances of the different lodges in good condition, and with the exception of Lauder Lodge No. 99, where some irregularities have occurred the work is progressing favorably and harmony prevails.

On October 14, 1918, I visited Lauder Lodge No. 99. Everything seemed to be moving smoothly but slowly. The third degree was conferred by Past Masters from Hartney Lodge. On visiting this lodge again on May 2, 1919, I found that some trouble had been caused through some irregularities in connection with the report of committee and balloting on certain applications. Since advising with the officers and members in open lodge, and individually, I think the existing friction will soon be removed and conditions return to normal.

On the 15th of October, 1918, I visited Kilwinning Lodge No.

110. Owing to the very busy season of the year and the members being mostly farmers the meeting was small and there were no degrees conferred.

On the 18th of the same month I was at Reston Lodge No. 104. We had a good meeting. The Third Degree was conferred by a Past Master of the lodge and a social and profitable evening was the result.

Owing to the serious epidemic of Spanish influenza which followed the great world war I was unable to do any more Masonic work until the air had been cleared of this dreadful disease.

On February 13th, 1919, I attended a regular meeting of Napinka Lodge No. 77. Here I found a small group of enthusiastic Masons and was pleased to learn that some of their best young men who had returned from overseas are now becoming members of the craft.

The following evening I spent at Oriental Lodge No. 54. There was no degree work but we spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

On March 14, 1919, I visited officially my mother lodge, Glenwood No. 27. This, to my mind, being the banner lodge of the district, it is unnecessary to further comment on the quality of the work being done.

May 19, 1919, being the date of the regular meeting at Hartney, I enjoyed very much the Third Degree as conferred by W. Brother Morrison, a Past Master of this lodge. This lodge is doing good work and taking in more members than any other lodge in the district.

Elgin Lodge No. 86 I visited officially on May 20, 1919, in company with seven other brethren from Glenwood Lodge. Here we spent an enjoyable and profitable evening. The Second Degree was conferred in a manner that was a credit to Elgin Lodge.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control we were unable to hold a District Meeting during the year and we regret very much not being able to have with us on one occasion at least the Grand Lodge Officers to further enlighten us in Masonic work.

Before concluding I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred in electing me D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District and for the courtesy and hospitality extended to me during the year and more particularly on my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN POLLOCK, D.D.G.M.,
Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Bro.—

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District.

During my term of office it has been my privilege to visit the several lodges in the District with the exception of Composite No. 64, Alexander. On two occasions the necessary arrangements had been made to visit the brethren at Alexander. My first visit had to be postponed on account of the influenza epidemic and on the second occasion an important business engagement interfered.

The several lodges were visited officially on the following dates:

Tweed, No. 113, January 1st; Brandon, No. 19, March 11th; Oak Lake, No. 44, March 13th; Elkhorn, No. 74, April 14th; Lebanon, No. 43, May 13th; Lansdowne, No. 107, May 14th.

Regarding the condition of Masonry in our District, generally speaking it is fair, the majority of the lodges apparently having the work well in hand and the principles of our order at heart.

There is one exception and I feel it my duty to bring to your attention, that of Lansdowne Lodge No. 107, Griswold. When I visited Lansdowne Lodge officially on the evening of May 14th only ten members were present and on investigation I learned that but two new members had been admitted in 1918 and from January 1st, 1919, up to the time of my visit no further applications for admission had been received. Evidently the territory which Lansdowne Lodge must depend on for additional members is too limited, with Oak Lake in close proximity to the west and Alexander to the east.

On my official visits to the several lodges I have endeavored to impress upon the brethren the responsibility placed upon them individually as members of committees on applications for membership. I fear that sometimes the thorough investigation which is necessary at all times is not made, too much being taken for granted, ith the result that the high standard of our membership is not maintained as it should be.

Permit me to impress on the several lodges in this district the many benefits to be derived from inter-lodge visiting. Intercourse of this kind is a source of inspiration to all and tends to strengthen the ties of our beloved order.

In conclusion I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me in electing me D.D.G. Master for the Seventh Masonic District and for the friendly way they have received me on my official visits. It has surely been a great pleasure and profit to me to have had this honor.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. H. SPEARIN, D.D.G.M.,
Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Bro.—

Permit me to give you my report of the condition of Freemasonry in the Eighth Masonic District.

The activity of some of the lodges has fallen away considerably in the last three years, owing partly to the war and lately the influenza epidemic, but I am able to report a big improvement during the last few months and I expect the coming year will be a great deal better.

In regard to the Bi-centenary Fund, four lodges in this District have paid their allotment in full, two have only paid a small amount, and the other I know nothing of as I have not been able to get in touch with the lodge in any way.

I find the officers in all the lodges in District No. 8 are capable men and Masons and in their different positions do the work well. I have only seen a few degrees conferred but they were put on properly and in conformity with our ritual. In all the lodges the business was well conducted and the books are well kept with the exception, in nearly every lodge, that the historical register has been neglected, but in every case the new officers promised to have it written up at once.

Some of the lodges have, I think, entered the amount paid to the Bi-Centenary Fund in the Relief Fund column, which is wrong.

I am sorry to have to report three deaths in my District—two in Patricia No. 125 and one in Oakland No. 9.

I performed the funeral service for the three funerals.

All the lodges express a desire to take up the Study Club work, but have been unable to do so for lack of information. I think the Grand Lodge should see that the study clubs are organized, as it would help the problems of a country lodge.

I find some of our lodges discussing the history of the Grand Orient of France, et al, and hope to hear that they have sent resolutions to Grand Lodge giving their views on the very important question of extending fraternal greetings to these Grand bodies in Europe and hope to see a good representation from each subordinate lodge on June 11, 1919.

I am sorry to report no District meeting in our District, as dates were cancelled twice owing to "flu," and we missed the opportunity of meeting with M. W. Bro. Greenway, which we all regret very much.

On Sept. 11, 1918, I visited Oakland Lodge No. 9, and again on January 10, 1919. I installed their new officers. This lodge is improving very much since the war is over and the interents of Masonry, as they should be, are being developed.

On January 20, 1919, I visited Wawanesa Lodge, No. 67, and installed their new officers. This lodge has good officers and I hope will do well. I did not meet many of the members as the health officer would only allow ten at the meeting.

On February 13, 1919, I visited Shiloh Lodge, No. 70, and installed their officers. This lodge has a good membership, and good men too, and I expect will show a vast improvement now that the war is over.

On October 14, 1918, I visited Midlothian Lodge, No. 90, and again on December 27, 1918, when I installed their officers. This lodge is in good condition and doing well.

Swan Lake Lodge, No. 109, I have not visited and I have not been able to secure any notice of meetings being held by them.

On February 11, 1919, I visited Strathcona Lodge, No. 117, and I installed their officers. This lodge has good officers, both past and new, and the lodge is in a good healthy condition.

On October 16, 1918, I visited Patricia Lodge, No. 125, and again on December 11, 1918, when I installed their officers. This lodge is in a healthy and flourishing condition and has been active during war-time and although the "flu" was very bad, report having 16 meetings in returns for last term. I regret not being able to visit each lodge in my District at least once more during my term of office, but my work would not let me. I was well received in all the lodges and well entertained.

Thanking the brethren of District No. 8 and this Grand Lodge for conferring on me the duties of D.D.G.M., I am,

Yours fraternally,

A. W. BADGER, D.D.G.M.,
Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Bro.—

I have the honor to submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District for the past year.

Abnormal conditions have prevailed and other causes over which I had no control prevented my visiting The Pas, Roblin, or Grandview Lodges. Reports indicate The Pas and Roblin Lodges are active. Grandview I regret to report have not forwarded their returns, nor did I receive replies to my correspondence directed to the Worshipful Master, also the Secretary, during my term of office.

My first official act was to consecrate Favel Lodge, No. 126, at Minitonas on August 13th, 1918, with the assistance of five Past Masters and a number of the brethren from Prince Arthur Lodge. Through the efforts of W. Bro. Harry Laing (First W.M.) this lodge owns its own building and possesses a very creditable lodge room. They commenced with eleven energetic charter members and the roll now shows a total of twenty-seven. Discretion was used in their selection and many of the older lodges might profitably follow the example of the seventh member to this District.

Prince Arthur Lodge was officially visited on 27th December. Weather conditions prevented Favel Lodge attending the joint installation previously arranged. This lodge is making headway, are in good shape financially and contemplate securing their own premises

Vermillion Lodge at Dauphin was visited May 6th. The large arrearages of dues, in many instances standing for years, has not been in the best interests of this lodge or the craft in general, and reflects in a measure the contributions to the Bi-Centenary Fund. This lodge, however, is showing signs of renewed vigor.

Robbie Burns Lodge, No. 100, at Gilbert Plains was visited May 7th. This lodge has been dormant for some time. The fact that 18 out of 28 members are twelve months or more in arrears is significant.

The books and records of the lodges visited were examined and found well kept and in good order.

The location of the various lolges in this District makes it difficult and in the majority of cases impossible for the D.D.G.M. to visit all of them, and as I believe the best interests of the craft would be served by having smaller Masonic Districts, thereby enabling the District Deputy Grand Masters to make more frequent visits. I would recommend that a new Masonic District be formed, comprising Prince Arthur, Favel and The Pas lodges. The remaining lodges in the present District would, I believe, also benefit materially by such a change.

I wish to thank the brethren for the honor conferred on me in electing me D.D.G.M. and for the courtesy and hospitality which they extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

S. B. CHAMBERLAIN, D.D.G.M.,
Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Bro.—

I have the honor to present herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District.

The epidemic of influenza during the fall and winter interfered with the activities of the lodges to some extent, both as to regularity of meetings and attendance of members.

I am pleased to report that I was able to visit all the lodges once, and in some cases twice, during my term of office.

I had arranged to hold the District Meeting at Emerson on October 17th, but when the ban on public gatherings was ordered it was deemed advisable to cancel the meeting in order to comply with constituted authority; however, a meeting was convened at Emerson on January 30th, 1919, at which all the lodges were well represented. Matters of interest to the Craft in general and the Tenth Masonic District in particular were discussed. I requested the lodges to forward any questions they wished discussed, in the early part of my term of office, but did not receive replies from any of the lodges; the brethren seem diffident in putting questions on paper, and the consequence is, that the D.D.G.M. is sometimes not in a position to answer the questions intelligently. I replied to the best of my ability, and afterwards referred the same to M.W. Brother James A. Ovas, and who, I am happy to state, endorsed my answers.

The dates of my visits are as follows:
My home lodge, Ophir No. 112, Beausejour, Aug. 22nd.
Stonewall Lodge No. 12, Stonewall, Sept. 17th and May 13th.
Emerson Lodge No. 6, Emerson, Jan. 30th and March 13th.
King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris, February 11th.
East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna, February 12th.
Penza Lodge No. 120, Dominion City, March 12th.

I found in every case the lodges were in the hands of capable and efficient officers, and the degrees of Masonry were being conferred (on what I judged to be the best elements of citizenship) in an impressive manner, calculated to leave a lasting impression on the minds of the candidates.

I wish to thank the brethren for the kindness with which I was received, especially Right Worshipful Brothers Riley and McDougall, and the secretaries of the various lodges.

When new secretaries are elected, I would advise that the retiring secretary assist the new officer with advise and instruction, for no matter how capable the new officer may be, the experience of the older officer will be helpful, and the smooth working of the routine business of the lodges is largely in the hands of the secretary.

Having in mind the necessity of discovering, as far as possible, the internal qualifications of candidates for the degrees of Masonry, I have suggested to some of the Lodges that a statement be mailed or handed to the petitioner, on somewhat similar lines to what is being done in some Lodges in the United States. The matter is being discussed in my home Lodge, and it is my intention to bring the matter up at the District Meeting at Grand Lodge.

I have endeavored to interest the brethren in Masonic Study and Research with, I hope, some success. I have induced some of the brethren, in every Lodge in the District, to subscribe to Masonic publications. Some Lodges are forming small libraries to assist them in their studies. I have impressed on the Secretaries the necessity of keeping the Historical Register of their Lodges written up to date. Few of the brethren know the history of their own Lodge, still fewer the early history of Masonry in Manitoba, or the history of the Mother Grand Lodge, "The Grand Lodge of England." Through the kindness of M. W. Bro. Ovas, I have been enabled to place a copy of his paper, "History of Masonry in Manitoba," in each of the Lodges in the Tenth Masonic District.

The six Lodges in the District have a membership of 363, which shows a slight increase. Average attendance is about 25 per cent. of membership; 47 degrees were conferred. The total assets are slightly over $8,200. Two of the Lodges own their halls, the other four rent their meeting places. The amount paid for relief was $450. This amount was paid by three Lodges, and I may say the Lodges which had not disbursed any sums for relief were rather exercised in their minds over the fact.

I do not consider it necessary to give any further statistics, as the brethren will find these in the copies of Grand Lodge Proceedings.

In conclusion, I desire again to express my sincere appreciation of the kindly fraternal spirit in which I was received by every Lodge in the District and to thank the representatives of the District for the very great honor conferred upon me in electing me District Deputy Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN WATSON, D.D.G.M.

Tenth Masonic District.

On motion of M.W. Bro Henry E. Bletcher (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114), the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to submit the report of the Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year, showing the receipts and disbursements, and the standing of the several accounts as at the 31st March, 1919, all of which have been audited and found correct by the Grand Lodge Auditor.

The Committees on the "Investment Account," "Bi-Centenary Fund" and "Relief Fund" will report fully regarding the several funds under their supervision.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. MAJOR,
Acting Grand Treasurer.

On motion of V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25) seconded by V.W. Bro. Theo. G. Finn (13), the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended March 31st, 1919.

Receipts

Bi-Centenary Fund, Cash		$28,730.71	
Bi-Centenary Victory Bonds		950.00	$29,680.71
Subordinate Lodges			9,576.26
Mortgages, principal		2,600.00	
Mortgages, interest, taxes, etc.		3,319.70	
Bonds, interest		2,514.61	8,434.31
Bank, interest			318.05
Relief			70.00
Total Receipts			$48,079.33

Disbursements.

Salaries			$ 3,000.00
Expense and Printing			1,173.00
Grants, Special			635.00
Rent			400.00
Postage and Express			208.50
Stationery (Office)			61.97
Insurance			60.60
P.M. Certificates			41.00
Stock			404.95
Taxes			706.13
M.M. Certificates			252.18
War Relief			408.63
Relief			2,015.25
Debentures, Saskatchewan			8,957.01
Victory Bonds			25,725.00
Exchange			28.00
Printing			33.75
Expense			13.10
Mortgage Loan			8,000.00
Total Disbursements			$ 53,019.21
Cash in Banks, April 1, 1918		16,899.65	
Cash in Banks, Mar. 30, 1919	$ 11,939,77		
Cash on Hand, March 30, 1919	20.00	11,959.77	4,939.88
			$ 48,079.33

BI-CENTENARY FUND.

Cash received for year ended March 31st, 1919.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1	Prince Rupert's	$ 1,925.50
2	Lisgar	287.00
3	Ancient Landmark	1,287.50
4	St. John's	4,588.55
6	Emerson	330.00
7	Assiniboine	168.00
8	King Solomon	394.00
9	Oakland	515.43
10	Northern Light	1,503.50
11	Gladstone	390.00
12	Stonewall	470.50
13	Belmont	137.00
14	Prince of Wales	125.00
15	Corinthian	133.00
19	Brandon	803.00
24	Neepawa	85.80
25	Ionic	1,898.43
27	Glenwood	45.00
29	Carberry	310.00
30	Manitou	293.00
36	Doric	218.00
39	Birtle	260.00
40	Deloraine	155.00
43	Lebanon	471.00
44	Oak Lake	152.25
48	Glenboro	30.00
49	Temple	45.00
50	Killarney	443.00
51	Treherne	546.00
52	Hartney	66.00
54	Oriental	151.00
55	East Star	70.00
62	Russell	57.00
63	Holland	275.00
64	Composite	237.50
67	Wawanesa	135.00
68	Vermillion	671.00
70	Shiloh	345.00
71	Crystal	155.00
		$20,172.96
	Brought forward	$20,172.96
74	Elkhorn	120.00
75	Gothic	78.00
77	Napinka	100.00
82	Cypress	85.00
84	Hamiota	142.00
86	Elgin	239.50
90	Midlothian	140.00
92	Shoal Lake	270.00
93	King Edward	920.00
94	Hiram	130.00
99	Lauder	110.00
100	Robbie Burns	125.00
101	Binscarth	168.00
102	Miniota	81.00
103	Crescent	195.00
104	Reston	338.75
105	Prince Arthur	362.50
106	Strathclair	40.00
107	Lansdowne	65.00
108	Union	86.00
109	Swan Lake	62.50
110	Kilwinning	105.00
111	Acacia	362.00
112	Ophir	140.00
113	Tweed	517.00
114	The Assiniboine	2,454.00
115	Rivers	130.00
116	St. Andrews	61.00
117	Strathcona	202.00
118	Mound	200.00
119	Norwood	319.50
120	Penza	119.00
121	St. James	474.00
122	Roblin	133.00
123	Transcona	134.00
124	The Pas	80.00
125	Patricia	60.00
126	Favel	59.00
	A.C.C. of Engineers.	100.00
		$29,680.71

GENERAL

Cash Received for Year Ended March 31st, 1919

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1	Prince Rupert's	$ 595.15
2	Lisgar	70.00
3	Ancient Landmark	681.92
4	St. John's	883.85
6	Emerson	56.00
8	King Solomon	81.50
9	Oakland	74.00
10	Northern Light.	354.40
11	Gladstone	103.00
12	Stonewall	113.00
13	Belmont	67.00
14	Prince of Wales	84.40
15	Corinthian	28.40
19	Brandon	275.50
24	Neepawa	147.50
25	Ionic	464.20
27	Glenwood	135.00
29	Carberry	89.20
30	Manitou	56.50
36	Doric	278.00
40	Deloraine	116.00
43	Lebanon	100.50
44	Oak Lake	50.00
48	Glenboro	32.25
49	Temple	78.50
50	Killarney	75.98
51	Treherne	80.50
52	Hartney	114.40
54	Oriental	75.20
55	East Star	50.50
62	Russell	92.50
63	Holland	91.00
64	Composite	97.50
67	Wawanesa	47.75
68	Vermillion	346.98
70	Shiloh	50.13
71	Crystal	52.00
74	Elkhorn	81.50
75	Gothic	60.50
77	Napinka	68.60
		$6,400.81
	Brought forward	$6,400.81
82	Cypress	16.00
84	Hamiota	37.60
86	Elgin	59.50
87	Rathwell	21.15
90	Midlothian	96.50
92	Shoal Lake	71.25
93	King Edward	356.75
94	Hiram	63.70
99	Lauder	25.75
100	Bobbie Burns	45.00
101	Binscarth	76.00
102	Miniota	68.00
103	Crescent	54.45
104	Reston	95.50
105	Prince Arthur	58.50
106	Strathclair	74.00
107	Lansdowne	45.00
108	Union	37.55
109	Swan Lake	24.00
110	Kilwinning	75.00
111	Acacia	196.95
112	Ophir	58.50
113	Tweed	171.50
114	"The Assiniboine"	401.50
115	Rivers	63.00
116	St. Andrews	41.10
117	Strathcona	48.50
118	Mound	29.00
119	Norwood	163.00
120	Penza	53.50
121	St. James	159.55
122	Roblin	41.65
123	Transcona	87.00
124	The Pas	53.10
125	Patricia	74.35
126	Favel	29.50
U.D.	Empire	102.55
		$9,576.26

GENERAL

Cash Received for Year Ended March 31st, 1919—(Continued)

No. Name of Lodge	Amount	No. Name of Lodge	Amount
Brought forward ...	$9,576.26	Brought forward ...	$12,714.91
Loan No. 1	685.00	Loan No. 16	1,872.00
Loan No. 2	140.45	Loan No. 17	120.95
Loan No. 3	139.25	Loan No. 18	183.25
Loan No. 4	624.00	Loan No. 19	84.00
Loan No. 5	140.00	Loan No. 22	121.85
Loan No. 7	162.00	Loan No. 23	399.00
Loan No. 8	393.90	Interest on Bonds ..	2,514.61
Loan No. 9	208.05	Relief Fund	70.00
Loan No. 12	215.00		
Loan No. 14	225.00		$18,080.57
Loan No. 15	206.00		

MORTGAGE LOANS

As at March 31st, 1919.

	Principal	Interest, Taxes & Insurance
Loan No. 1	$2,000.00	$,647.60
Loan No. 2	2,000.00	---------
Loan No. 3	1,100.00	44.00
Loan No. 5	2,000.00	---------
Loan No. 7	700.00	---------
Loan No. 8	3,000.00	105.00
Loan No. 9	2,000.00	---------
Loan No. 12	2,150.00	---------
Loan No. 14	2,200.00	434.37
Loan No. 15	1,900.00	---------
Loan No. 17	2,800.00	1,186.37
Loan No. 18	2,500.00	753.07
Loan No. 19	1,500.00	623.04
Loan No. 20	855.00	77.75
Loan No. 21	3,200.00	752.70
Loan No. 22	1,000.00	---------
Loan No. 23	3,100.00	550.40
Loan No. 24	8,000.00	---------
	$42,005.00	$5,174.30

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

As at March 31st, 1919.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1	Prince Rupert's	$ 6.50
2	Lisgar	10.80
3	Ancient Landmark	10.50
4	St. John's	53.95
6	Emerson	5.00
7	Assiniboine	11.00
8	King Solomon	9.10
10	Northern Light	20.25
11	Gladstone	8.70
12	Stonewall	37.25
14	Prince of Wales	15.00
15	Corinthian	25.75
19	Brandon	16.25
24	Neepawa	3.75
25	Ionic	56.80
27	Glenwood	5.75
29	Carberry	2.75
36	Doric	24.25
39	Birtle	9.00
40	Deloraine	7.25
43	Lebanon	10.50
44	Oak Lake	1.50
49	Temple	7.80
50	Killarney	.80
51	Treherne	1.00
52	Hartney	37.25
55	East Star	2.00
63	Holland	2.00
64	Composite	8.25
68	Vermillion	1.50
70	Shiloh	11.60
71	Crystal	1.50
74	Elkhorn	46.75
75	Gothic	12.25
77	Napinka	12.90
82	Cypress	1.00
84	Hamiota	3.50
90	Midlothian	8.10
92	Shoal Lake	1.50
93	King Edward	19.25
94	Hiram	7.55
99	Lauder	1.75
		$574.60

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

As at March 31st, 1919—(Continued)

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
Brought forward		$574.60
102	Miniota	5.00
103	Crescent	19.55
104	Reston	4.70
105	Prince Arthur	10.00
106	Strathclair	5.60
107	Lansdowne	4.50
108	Union	8.00
109	Swan Lake	.95
110	Kilwinning	1.95
111	Acacia	7.30
113	Tweed	24.05
114	"The Assiniboine"	21.60
115	Rivers	6.00
116	St. Andrews	2.15
117	Strathcona	.75
118	Mound	5.00
119	Norwood	18.75
121	St. James	5.85
122	Roblin	5.75
123	Transcona	22.75
124	The Pas	5.00
125	Patricia	22.25
126	Favel	54.50
U.D.	Empire	31.00
		$866.25

STATEMENT OF RELIEF FUND

For Year Ended March 31st, 1919.

REVENUE

1918.			
Apl. 1st	Balance on hand		$4,960.62
	Interest on Loans	$1,736.23	
	Interest on Bonds	2,491.20	
	Bank Interest	318.05	
	Life Members' Fees	120.00	
	Donation	50.00	
	Refund	20.00	
			4,735.48
			$9,696.10

EXPENDITURE

April	Mrs. K. L.	$ 20.00	
	J. M. S.	125.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	25.00	
	J. A. J.	25.00	
May	Mrs. E. N.	25.00	
	J. A. J.	25.00	
	R. L. B.	40.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
June	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	J. A. J.	25.00	
	R. C. B.	40.00	
	J. A. S.	25.00	
July	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	J. A. J.	25.00	
	R. C. B.	40.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. V. K.	50.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	S. C. D.	100.25	
August	J. S. S.	40.00	
	J. A. J.	25.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
September	J. M. S.	5.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	J. A. J.	25.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
			$1,045.25

STATEMENT OF RELIEF FUND

For year ended March 31st, 1919.— (Contd.)

	Brought forward	$ 1,045.25	
October	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	J. A. J.	25.00	
	Mrs. F. D.	20.00	
November	J. A. J.	25.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	Mrs. V. K.	50.00	
December	J. A. J.	25.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
January	J. A. J.	25.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
February	J. A. J.	25.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	Mrs. V. R. K.	40.00	
	Mrs. E. R. V.	40.00	
March	J. A. J.	25.00	
	Mrs. M. C. C.	20.00	
	Mrs. K. L.	20.00	
	R. C. B.	30.00	
	Mrs. E. N.	35.00	
	Mrs. V. R. K.	20.00	
	Mrs. E. R. V.	20.00	
			$2,015.25
	Interest		38.02
			$2,053.27
	Bal. at Credit, March 31, 1919		7,680.85
			$9,734.12

BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31st, 1919.

ASSETS

Equipment:		
Furniture and Fixtures		$ 573.80
Regalia		593.00
Library		2,383.68
		$ 3,550.48
Current:		
Accounts Receivable	$ 866.25	
Cash in Bank, Current	2,017.54	
Cash in Bank, Special	9,922.23	
Cash on Hand	20.00	
		12,826.02
Inventories:		
Charters	41.85	
M.M. Certificates	201.25	
P.M. Certificates	37.68	
Stock	526.29	
		807.07
Investments:		
Victory Loan Bonds	56,650.00	
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	10,000.00	
Mortgages	42,005.00	
Mortgages—Interest, Taxes and Insurance unpaid	5,174.30	
		113,829.30
		$131,012.87

LIABILITIES

Current:		
Benevolent Fund		$ 2,369.52
Relief Fund	$7,680.85	
Relief Fund Interest	3,553.67	
		11,234.52
		$ 13,604.04
Surplus		117,408.83
		$131,012.87

I certify that I have audited the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers relating thereto. In my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of Grand Lodge of Manitoba A.F. & A.M., according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Winnipeg, July 3rd, 1919.

A. ARMSTRONG,
Chartered Accountant.

REPORT OF GRAND LODGE AUDITOR

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., Winnipeg.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I desire to report that I have audited the records of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for the year ended March 31st, 1919, and in connection submit herewith Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements together with supporting Schedules.

I am pleased to report that I found everything to my entire satisfaction and the records of the Grand Lodge to be in first class order.

Fraternally yours,

A. ARMSTRONG,
Chartered Accountant.

On motion of V.W. Bro. Urquhart F. Mutch (71), seconded by V.W. Bro. George T. Earle (74), the report of the Grand Lodge Auditor was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I beg to present my Annual Report, containing a synopsis of the returns of the several Lodges to December 27th, 1918, together with, by instruction of the Grand Master, a record of the By-laws and amendments thereto approved, dispensations issued, Grand Representatives appointed and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master emanating from this office and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS.

Seven hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATES.

In accordance with Clause M, Section 69, of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Doric Lodge No. 36, Brandon Lodge No. 19, Ophir Lodge No. 112, Norwood Lodge No. 119, St. James Lodge No. 121, and Favel Lodge No. 126.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

Tweed Lodge No. 113, "The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114, and St. James Lodge No. 121.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. George Scott to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Lodge of Idaho, vice Martin Cathcart.

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. Elmer A. McAllister to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Lodge of New York, vice Esbon B. Rew.

Upon nomination of the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Phillipine Islands, a commission has been issued to W. Bro. Rafael Palma to represent this Grand Lodge near the said Grand Lodge of Phillipine Islands, vice George N. Hurd.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following dispensations have been issued during the past year by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master:—

TO ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE.

Date	Lodge	No.
June 14	King Solomon	8
June 14	Roblin	122
June 19	Neepawa	24
June 19	Transcona	123
June 19	Prince Arthur	105
June 20	Crescent	103
June 20	Rivers	115
June 20	Carberry	29
June 25	Elgin	86
June 27	Composite	64
Aug. 13	Elkhorn	74
Aug. 13	Miniota	102
Sept. 21	Lebanon	43
Oct. 29	Treherne	51
April 2	Union	108
April 17	Neepawa	24

TO CONFER DEGREES WITHIN PRESCRIBED TIME.

Date	Lodge	No.
June 20	Carberry	29
June 20	Hartney	52
June 27	Strathclair	106
Mar. 12	Prince Arthur	105
April 17	Northern Light	10

TO ACT ON APPLICATION OF CANDIDATE RESIDING OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE LODGE.

Date	Lodge	No.
April 4	Rivers	115

MEMERSHIP.

The following is a synopsis of the returns of the various Lodges to December 27th, 1918:—

Membership, December 27th, 1917			7600
Initiated		398	
Joined		139	
Restored		24	
Passed	371		
Raised	343		
Total Increase for the year			561
			8161
Died		105	
Dimitted		129	
Suspended N.P.D.		46	
Total Decrease for the year			280
Total Membership, December 27th, 1918			7881
Total Increase		281	

Yours fraternally,

JAMES A. OVAS.
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I respectfully present my Annual Report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library.

DIGESTS, CODES, ETC., DONATED.

Proceedings of all Sister Grand Lodges recognized by this Grand Lodge.

Proceedings of the Council of Deliberation for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the State of New York for 1918, from Ill., Bro. William Homan.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America for 1918, from Ill., Bro. James H. Codding, Grand Secretary General.

Proceedings of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada for 1919 from R. E. Companion Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

Proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America from Ill., Bro. John H. Cowles, Grand Secretary General.

The National Geographic Magazine Monthly, for 1919, from M.W. Bro. John W. Harris, Honorary Past Grand Master.

Wonders of the World, by Henry C. Rew, presented to Grand Lodge by W. Bro. Esbon B. Rew.

Masonic Year Book for 1919, from W. Bro. Colville Smith, Grand Secretary of England.

The History of Bro. General Lafayette, from R.W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Masonic Code of the District of Columbia for 1917 from the R.W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.

Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for 1918 from the R.W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Constitution, etc., of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from the R.W. Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

PUBLICATIONS DONATED

Melita Enterprise
Universal Freemason
The Toronto Freemason
Masonic Home
The Masonic Trowel
The Texas Freemason
MacGregor Herald
Square and Compass
The Tennessee Mason
Selkirk Weekly Herald
Brotherhood
New England Craftsman
Masonic Chronicler (Chicago)

TRAVELLING LIBRARY SETS

During the past year I have received no applications for Library Sets.

THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks and assurance of our deep appreciation to all who have so kindly remembered us with donations.

READING ROOM

The Masonic Temple Association is now supplying all Magazines and periodicals for the Reading Room, hitherto provided by the Blue Lodges meeting in the Temple.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Librarian.

On motion of R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), the report of the Grand Lodge Librarian was referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock p.m. until 8.00 o'clock p.m.

First Day = Evening Session

RESUMED LABOR

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Wednesday, July 9th, at 8.00 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The representatives of sister Grand Lodges, as reported present on Page 735, were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. the Grand Master, who spoke as follows:—

Brethren:—As representatives of our sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, we extend to you a hearty welcome and ask that you convey to the Grand Lodges which you have the honor to represent our friendly and fraternal greetings.

GRAND CHAPLAIN'S ADDRESS

R..W Bro. Rev. Thomas G. Bethell, Grand Chaplain was introduced by the M.W. the Grand Master and delivered the following address:—

"THE PILLARS OF ENTRANCE."

Kings 7:21-2.

Whatever may have been the origin of Pillars it has been shown beyond dispute that they were everywhere worshipped as gods, in fact, the gods themselves were regarded as pillars of light and power, for even away back in the old solar myths at the very gateway of eternity stood two historic pillars named Strength and Wisdom, while among certain sections of the Hindus there were three standing at the portals of the earthly and the skyey temple designated as Wisdom, Strength and Beauty.

Thus when man set up a pillar he became by virtue of that act a fellow-builder with the First Builder, the Great Architect of the Universe, the pillar marking the sanctity of the place, or the vision, followed by divine deliverance as when Jacob erected a pillar at Bethel, and Joshua at Gilgal, and Samuel at Mizpeh, the pillars being symbols of stability so familiar to the ancient Egyptians as describing "The Place of Establishing Forever"—emblems of the faith "that the pillars of the earth are the Lord's and He hath set the world upon them," man himself being a temple, and the covenant—"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the Temple of my God."

But our chief concern at this time centres in the two pillars which stood at the porchway or entrance to King Solomon's temple noted not only for its glory of architecture, but for its intimations of the Unseen and Eternal, being the very centre of Jewish faith and religion. These pillars at its entrance were marvels of glyptic art and skill, for which their builders, Phonician master masons, were renowned, chief among whom was Hiram, of masonic fame.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF THESE PILLARS OF ENTRANCE.

As I have already reminded you, they were the finest product of the most skilled craftsmen of that far-off day, being built in bronze and cast in earth measuring, to be exact, 17½ cubits in height with upper portions called heads or capitals which were five cubits in height, which were adorned with pomegranates net work and lily work wrought with unusual skill and beauty, the one being situated at the right hand of the porch and the other at the left, supporting the roof, which was thirty feet in width.

These beautiful pillars were the result of diligence combined with effort and the artistic skill of the ages, having for their production the lavish wealth of Solomon, the far-famed genius of Hiram, the richly endowed gifts of the moulders and designers, all of whom were master builders, contributing their best to make these pillars of entrance the pride and glory not only of Solomon's temple, but holding for us that deeper truth and beauty by which they pointed men upwards to the Infinite, the Great Master Builder of the ages, the Great Architect of the Universe Himself.

Further light on the structure of these glorious pillars of entrance may be gathered from the names given to them by Solomon. Setting up the right-hand pillar he called the name thereof

Jachin, that is, God will establish; and he set up the left pillar and called the name thereof Boaz, meaning in it is Strength having to offset their height and circumference of no less than twelve cubits and recalling that the material out of which they were built was not perishable wood or crumbling stone, but enduring bronze, one word accurately describes their architecture thus conjoined, and that word is Stability.

Made out of such enduring material, built in such massive proportions, designated by names bearing such qualities of character, are we not facing a most unusual combination of forces unexcelled in any type of architecture? Relate them for a moment to masonic conduct and you will find not only those finer staying powers of life, but a type of leadership in the lodges of our jurisdiction which inspires confidence and repose qualities which have given our craft a permanent claim to immortality, that is a proportioned and well-balanced personality, the absence of which has marred many lives otherwise great, but, lacking in these, failed to properly impress their age and generation.

Think of that historic giant the record of whose career is carefully preserved for us in one of the earlier books of the Volume of the Sacred Law. Sampson was without doubt a man of many qualities with greatness of strength and physical prowess but in his combination of character he lacked stability, and lacking this fundamental quality of exalted character he sacrificed his honor, lost his manhood, forfeited the fame he might have had, ultimately losing all, his strength included. Thus these pillars of entrance teach us how to stand and not fall in the critical hours of life.

HOW THESE PILLARS OF ENTRANCE AND THEIR SURROUNDING SYMBOLISM SUGGEST FOR US THE DEEPER THINGS OF GOD AND MASONIC TRUTH.

Around these pillars of entrance we may gather suggestions of worship and aspiration, those inner qualities of soul which have given to masonry that finer sense of reverence and awe so essential in the research of masonic art and truth. Worship is surely represented by the luring face of the cherub carved upon the walls of the porch just beyond the pillars, and aspiration by the pillars themselves, for if men have seen in the towering steeple of some beautiful temple—

> "A silent finger pointing to the sky"—

then surely these massive columns of bronze carried man's thoughts upward to the very throne of God, while the inspiring faces of Jachin and Boaz proclaimed Jehovah to be the hope and stay of all His worshipping people.

But we also find associated with these pillars of entrance suggestions of growth and fruitfulness donated not only by the lilies crowning the tops of these pillars with their whiteness and their purity, but by the open flowers and palm trees just beyond the entrance of the porch, all speaking silently but eloquently of growth and its mystery. Of course the palm trees were not unlike the pillars themselves since they, too, were emblems of the steady straight and upward life rich in growth and fruitfulness flowing from a soul thrilled by its sense of worship, awe and aspiration.

This thought of growth and fruitfulness is further emphasized by the presence of pomegranates and the exuberance of their seeds, reminding us that masonry is not a mere formality, but something expressed in fruit, something expressed in service, something expressed in brotherhood, thus masonry is vastly more than "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols"—it is a beautiful system of brotherhood based upon unselfish and devoted service, the complete abandonment of one's self in the service of others. Efficient service to meet the needs of the day. But whence the secret, brethren? May we not find it in the receptivity of the open flowers, open to the influences that make for growth and fruitfulness, open to all that makes for beauty, devotion and service, open to all that makes us an immortal brotherhood.

Around these pillars of entrance we also gather intimations of beauty and immortality. Beauty as well as purity in the lily-work, beauty as well as growth in the glory of the open flowers open to the sweetness of the sunlight, open to the dewy eve, open to the morning freshness, open that is at their very height of beauty. But why speak of immortality since all beauty is so transient, so short lived—open flowers today, but they are drooping flowers tomorrow and faded flowers the next day. The rainbow, all radiant, passes out before its semi-circle is complete—the crimson glory of the sunset, gone in the very moment of the soul's admiration and the cloud lit up as if bathed in light from the great white throne, is already dark and threatening.

But look beyond the palm trees and the open flowers and you will see the face of an angel, the symbol of eternal beauty and immortality, thus "a thing of beauty becomes a joy forever"—hence the face of the cherub looking out upon the pillars of entrance tells us that there is a beauty that will outlast the stars, a beauty undying in its charm, unfading in its glory, as God to live and love forever and ever. As master masons shall, we thus learn to live and love from these pillars at the porchway or entrance to King Solomon's temple, shall we learn to build our own temple of character by worship and aspiration, by growth and fruitfulness expressed in the service of the world's noblest brotherhood, your own beloved craft, my brethren, which alone can give you that immortality of beauty undying as the Temple of God and eternity itself.

When the great disaster swept down upon the City of the "Golden Gate," men of science discovered that San Francisco had been built upon a line of underground weakness and therefore fell before the storm; let us rather emulate the wise man of the Book, "which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock." When can a master mason build thus? "When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow-man, with his God, in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of song—glad to live, but not afraid to die"—then he may build for time and for eternity ever learning from the pillars of entrance that stood at the porchway of King Solomon's temple these great lessons of life and masonic conduct.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

In submitting the report for the Masonic year, 1918-1919, the Board wishes to express regret for the chain of untoward circumstances, which, throughout the year, has been the means of curtailing our general Masonic activities, and has, in a measure, delayed for a short time that forward movement in Freemasonry warranted by the times and assumed as the settled policy of this Grand Lodge.

In accordance with Section 42 of the Constitution, R.W. Bro. Alex. McIntyre, D.G.M., automatically became President of the Board, and, at the meeting for organization called for June 19th, 1918, M.W. Bro. William Fenwick, of Brandon, was elected Vice-President, and a committee of five members named to draft the usual standing committees of Grand Lodge.

At a meeting held on the evening of June 21st, 1918, the report of this Committee was received and agreed to. As to the personnel of the several committees, the Brethren are referred to the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge. At this meeting there was presented to Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. C. N. Bell a Masonic apron of historic value.

This is not the first occasion, M.W. Sir, when Brethren, interested in the historic side of Freemasonry, have made formal presentation of something concrete serving to link up the present with the past; it is therefore opportune to speak of the necessity of providing suitable cabinets for the preservation of all such Masonic material. As Chairman of the Board, I merely throw out this suggestion, hoping that it may shortly be acted upon.

At the meeting of the Board, September 20th, 1918, a letter received by the M.W. the Grand Master and transmitted by him to the Board from a Lodge, in which exception was taken to a portion of the report of a D.D.G.M. for the Masonic year 1917-1918. The matter was referred to the committee on the Condition of Freemasonry for adjustment.

The Board has very great pleasure in informing the members of Grand Lodge that, in consequence of certain improvements to the Masonic Temple, two excellent offices have been set apart for the benefit of the M.W. the Grand Secretary, and furthermore, that these offices have been furnished in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of this Grand Lodge.

We are also happy to state that the rooms vacated will, we hope, enable Grand Lodge to place its comparatively large and valuable library under circumstances much more inviting than have heretofore obtained. As a further consideration, the Committee on Masonic Research and Education were requested to make arrangements with M.W. Bro. John W. Harris in such capacity as they might deem fit for the indexing, arranging, and general oversight of the Grand Lodge library.

At the meeting of the Board on April 25th, 1919, a letter from the Past Masters' Association, of Winnipeg, in connection with a complimentary dinner to Masons returned from active service and to the delegates to Grand Lodge from without the city, met with the Board's warmest approval. The Board regrets that in consequence of the disturbed character of the times that this and all similar functions had to be postponed.

The Board recommends the following:—

(a) That this Grand Lodge provide and deliver to life members upon request a pocket card of Life-membership, in addition to the present form of Life-member certificate; such card to take the following form:

(One side)

This is to certify that
Bro. .... who
has signed his name on the margin thereof, was duly elected a
(Seal of Lodge) Life-member of .... Lodge No. ....
G.R.M., A.F. & A.M.
In testimony whereof we have granted him this certificate under our hand and the seal of the Lodge this .... day of .... A.D. 19........

....
Secretary. W. Master.

Valid as a visiting card from ....to
.... A.D., 19...........

(Other side)

This is to certify that
..................................Lodge No. .... is a
legally constituted Lodge working under the jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.
(Seal of Grand Lodge)
....
Grand Secretary

(b) That a Lodge by-law whose fee for Initiation is the minimum fixed by the Constitution, should not include the cost of an apron to be presented to the candidate.

(c) Bearing in mind the heroic sacrifice in the cause of humanity of those brethren of this jurisdiction who have fallen in the world war just ended, and impressed with the conviction that one of the greatest values of their sacrifice is to be found in the perpetuation to future generations of Masons and of men generally of their memory, particularly in the Lodges and localities where the brethren had their homes, it is recommended to Grand Lodge that the Committee on Fraternal Dead be asked to consider with the constituent Lodges the matter of Lodge memorials and to assist by securing and furnishing such information, suitable designs and others helps as may be possible.

(d) This Board recommends to Grand Lodge that it approve the principle of a war memorial that shall be a recognition by the Grand Lodge of the sacrifice made by our brethren who have fallen; that it instruct the Committee on Fraternal Dead to decide what form the memorial should take; that the Committee report to the Board at the earliest convenient date and that the Board be authorized to carry into effect any policy that it may evolve as a result of its consideration of the Committee's recommendations.

(e) The Board recommends that a charter be issued Empire Lodge U. D., situated at Weston.

(f) That the Grand Master, or his alternative, attend the twenty-second meeting of the Masonic Relief Assciation at the Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Minnesota, during August 27th, 28th and 29th, 1919.

Finally, and as a last general recommendation, we should remember that the welcome home given our returned brave, is only the beginning of our duty; that our men are to be carefully reinstated in our country's life; that those of them who have neither place or work should have place and work provided; that to make this provision is not granting them a favor, or even doing them justice, but only giving them a small return of what is their due; that having served our country it is their right to share in very generous measure in its good, not in charity, but in opportunity to do their part.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. McINTYRE,
President.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), seconded by W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114), the report of the Board of General Purposes was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

In presenting a general view of the condition of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction at the present time, it will be convenient to begin by calling attention to a few figures.

The membership, which in 1915 was 7,241, in 1916, 7,393, in 1917, 7,600, stood in 1918 at 7,881. About 43 per cent. of the membership are enrolled upon the Lodge rolls of the First Masonic District.

Membership is important as indicating the condition of Freemasonry, but attendance is even more significant. In 1915 the attendance for the whole jurisdiction was about 22 per cent. of the membership; in 1916 it stood at the same figure; in 1917 it was 21 per cent.; in the present year 23 per cent. During the past four years the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and eighth Masonic districts have shown the highest figures in attendance. The best showing in this respect during the past four years is that of the Sixth Masonic District, which in 1915 reached the very high level of 35 per cent. The lowest figure during the same period is 18 per cent., which was the score of District No. Two and District No. Nine in 1915, and of District No. One in 1917.

The average number of meetings attended by each member during the year 1917-18 was 3.14. It is a matter of common knowledge that there are a number of brethren who attend Lodge regularly, a considerable number who attend intermittently, and no doubt a number who do not go to Lodge at all.

Figures showing membership and attendance are certainly useful as tests of the condition of Freemasonry. The financial statements to be found in the annual reports are also most useful, indeed indispensable. By observation of the character and quality of Lodge work in ceremonial and ritual one may form an opinion of the condition and progress of the craft. There are other tests not so easy to apply. If we read over the Ancient Charges and ask ourselves whether the principles therein contained are or are not finding concrete expression and embodiment in the activities of our Lodges and in the lives of individual Freemasons we are applying the most searching test of all.

With the view of securing close and careful observation of these matters the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry in the most fraternal spirit called the attention of the several Disrict Deputy Grand Masters to certain matters relating to the official visitation of Lodges. These officers were asked to endeavour in the case of inactive or dormant Lodges to discover the cause or causes which were operative and where possible to suggest a remedy. It was also suggested that while every Lodge should be visited, nevertheless if there were Lodges whcih stood in especial need of assistance, it would undoubtedly be proper for the inspecting officer to visit such Lodges several times, even if he should thereby be prevented from visiting other Lodges less in need of outside assistance. Further, a request was made that the attention of Lodges should be called to the proposal of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research, and especially to urge the appointment of a Committee of Past Masters to undertake the task of preparing for permanent record in the Historical Register an account of the formation and life history of the Lodge. Moreover, the district officers were requested to observe with care the character and quality of the Lodge membership and to ascertain whether our people are drawn from the best elements of the population or not and particularly whether the Masons in any given community are above or below the average in respect of the intellectual and more especially the moral qualities of genuine social leadership.

The reports of the several district officers evince a keen interest in these and all matters relating to the progress and wellbeing of the order. Great praise is due to these brethren for the enthusiasm and devotion to duty which they have shown. Unfortunately, owing to the disastrous epidemic of last fall and winter, the activities of many Lodges were greatly reduced, and as a consequence the visitation of Lodges was rendered very difficult and in certain cases impossible. A considerable number of district meetings which had been planned and arranged for had to be given up. In spite, however, of the epidemic which had such a paralyzing effect upon the life and work of the province for so many months, it is, nevertheless, clear from a perusal of the interim and general reports of the district deputies that the fraternity has flourished, and continues to flourish, that, broadly speaking, the constituent Lodges throughout the jurisdiction are carrying on their work with a gratifying measure of success, that in short, the future of Freemasonry in Manitoba is most bright and promising.

The Committee beg to recommend the issuance of a Charter to Empire Lodge, U.D.

The Committee beg to recommend that the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following named Brethren:

W. Bro. William R. McConnell	First Masonic District
W. Bro. Edward H. Dewart	Third Masonic District
W. Bro. Arthur T. Hainsworth	Fourth Masonic District
W. Bro. Frank W. Buggey	Fifth Masonic District
W. Bro. John Pollock	Sixth Masonic District
V.W. Bro. Charles H. Spearin	Seventh Masonic District
W. Bro. Aaron W. Badger	Eighth Masonic District
W. Bro. Sterling B. Chamberlain	Ninth Masonic District
W. Bro. John Watson	Tenth Masonic District

The Brethren of Grand Lodge will note with sadness the significant omission in the above list. It is our mournful duty to record thus the death of W. Bro. Barnard May, D.D. Grand Master for the Second Masonic District, who ascended to the Grand Lodge above on the 22nd of March, 1919.

A few direct quotations may be taken from the reports of inspecting officials which will serve to indicate the results of their work along lines mentioned above and to express also their views as to Masonic ideals and aspirations for the future.

W. Bro. W. R. McConnell, in his visitation of Lodges, devoted some attention to consideration of the future position of Masonry in the life of our community and nation." He believes that "stupendous problems face our national life and threaten its very existence," and he knows of "no greater power to assist in solving these difficulties than the influence of a united brotherhood." Brother McConnell is of the opinion that a central Lodge of research is likely to be formed for the convenience of members of the craft in the city. He calls attention approvingly to the growing practice among the larger lodges of issuing magazines or monthly news letters for circulation among the membership.

W. Bro. F. W. Buggey, of the Fifth Masonic District, speaks in words of encouragement and cheer for the future of the craft. He believes "that ideals controlled by moral and spiritual forces are taking still stronger hold of the brethren, that the society of the future will rest securely on the basis of co-operation, that in this new day, service is King and authority is not from without, but from an inner moral force which manifests itself in service and goodwill."

The foregoing may serve in a representative way to indicate the general trend of thought and opinion as expressed in these reports. It may be added that opinion seems divided as to whether the standard of membership is being maintained at the ballot box. Some of the officials report favourably upon this matter. One Deputy, while not specifically stating it as a fact that standards are being lowered, speaks impressively of "the necessity of discovering as far as possible the internal qualifications of candidates." Another speaks plainly of the "fear that thorough investigation which is necessary at all times is not made, too much being taken for granted, with the result that the high standard of our membership is not maintained as it should be."

In nearly every report there is a reference to the formation of study clubs and a greatly increased interest in Masonic lore among the members. There is also in many instances a record of the formation of committees to look after the historical register.

It is the opinion of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry that during the past few years there has been a considerable increase of interest in Masonic history. The historical and philosophical questions which have recently occupied the attention of Freemasons and which have been freely and extensively discussed in all parts of the jurisdiction, have proved valuable in a number of ways. It is safe to say that more has been done during the last three or four years in stirring up interest than at any time since our establishment was a Grand Lodge. Scores of members are pursuing the study of Masonry with great pleasure and profit. This study is carried on not as a matter of antiquarian curiosity, but in a proper spirit of critical enquiry which is bound to result in a revaluation of the purposes of Masonry in our own country and elsewhere. Young men who are now entering Masonry are in a position to receive definite instruction and to form clear ideas upon certain phases of Masonry which received but scant attention in earlier days. This circumstance is likely to have its influence upon the future development and direction of Masonic activity.

We are justified in looking for growth and development in Freemasonry. Growth and development are inevitable in every living organism. It is true that there are those who seem anxious to hurry up the process of evolution and sometimes exhibit an unreasonable impatience with the slow processes of natural growth, and also with more cautious and leisurely folk who believe that in Freemasonry development should be along native lines. Healthful activity and effective work in regular and constitutional ways and within limits indicated by the old landmarks form an excellent criterion of the true condition of Freemasonry in any jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

SIDNEY E. LANG,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Brethren:—

On the 31st of March, 1918, the Investment Fund of the Grand Lodge amounted to $80,205.68, made up as follows:—

Mortgage Investments	$39,368.23
Dominion of Canada Victory Bonds	30,700.00
Cash in Bank	10,137.45

By reason of further payments on subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund, the Investment Account has been increased during the past year by $32,439.11. The total amount now at the credit of the Investment Fund is $112,654.45, and is represented by the following investments:—

Dominion of Canada Victory Bonds	$56,650.00	
Province of Saskatchewan Deventures	10,000.00	
Real Estate Mortgages	42,005.00	
Taxes and Insurance charged to various real estate mortgages	1,620.93	
Cash in Bank	2,369.52	
		$112,645.45

Of the new investments made by your Committee, $25,950.00 is represented by Dominion of Canada Victory Loan Bonds; $10,000.00 by debentures of the Province of Saskatchewan and $8,000.00 by advance to the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg on the security of a first mortgage on property known as the Masonic Temple.

Your Committee has to report that there are several real estate mortgages considerably in arrears with interest, taxes and insurance. These are being given careful attention and in the majority of cases the rents of the properties are being paid to your Committee and applied to the Mortgage arrears.

During the past year the sum of $4,735.48 interest was collected and placed to the credit of the Committee on Benevolence for administration under the Relief Fund.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. McCONNELL,
Chairman.

On motion of V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. William Conner (13), the report of the Investment Committee was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the W.M. The Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Benevolence beg leave to report that during the Masonic year last past there has been placed to the credit of the Relief Fund the sum of $4,735.48, to be used for the benefit and care of needy Masons, their families and dependents.

From this amount your Committee has paid the sum of $2,053.27 monthly gratuity. Appended to this report is a list of the cases in which relief has been granted. Regular monthly payments are being made in seven of the cases mentioned. Three grants have been discontinued by reason of the recovery of the recipient or adequate provision for support being supplied from other sources.

1. Mrs. —	3.	Widow, depending solely on relief given by Lodge and income derived from a few chickens	$20.00 per Mo.
2. Mrs. —	14.	Six children, between ages of sixteen and seven. Only support is small earning of eldest son and small monthly salary received as saleswoman. In addition to grant provision is made for education of boy	20.00 per Mo.
3. Mrs. —	12.	Widow in delicate health. Two sons aged nine and six depending on her. Nursed husband through tuberculosis until death	35.00 per Mo.
4. Mrs. —	93.	Widow, sixty years old, no encumbrance but unable to work for livelihood. To supplement provision made by Lodge	20.00 per Mo.
5. Bro. —	121.	Tuberculosis, unable to work. Wife required to devote all time to nursing. No children, limited income	30.00 per Mo.

6. Mrs. —	25.	Widow, aged, no source of income	20.00 per Mo.
7. Bro. —	25.	Tuberculosis, wife unable to work, lost only child. Supplement provision made by Lodge .... (This brother has since died.)	20.00 per Mo.
8. Mrs. —	121.	Widow, suffering from tuberculosis, several children, only support son who was killed in action. Government allowance and patriotic fund $60.00. Applicant died shortly after appeal was made. Grant made.	40.00 per Mo.
9. Bro. —	49.	Confined to General Hospital for considerable period suffering from pleurisy. Funds all exhausted. Amounts paid during illness and convalescence approximated (This brother has now completely recovered and grant discontinued).	30.00 per Mo.
10. Bro. —	101.	Widower, incapacitated through paralytic stroke limited income	25.00 per Mo.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. MAJOR,
Chairman.

On motion of V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), the report of the Committee on Benevolence was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
Of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

The Special Committee on Recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges beg to report as follows:

The duty assigned to this Committee appointed by the Grand Master in accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge passed at the annual Communication, 1918, was to investigate and report upon the matter of recognition of Foreign Jurisdictions not now recognized by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Committee have endeavoured to secure as full and accurate information as possible in regard to French Masonry in the first place, leaving over in the meantime the investigation of the Grand Lodge of Norway, the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, and the Grand Orient of Italy. The disturbed conditions in Europe, the resulting irregularity of mail communication, as well as the caution which it is no doubt proper to exercise in a matter of this kind, render the gathering of official information somewhat slow and difficult. The Committee have been in communication with other Grand Lodges interested in the question and certain reports of Committees and other publications have been examined which contain historical and other data of value.

At the outset it may be said that as far as the Committee are concerned no serious doubts have been raised regarding the historical origin of French Masonry as represented by the Grand Orient of Franec, the Grand Lodge of France, or the Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge of France and of the French Colonies; the proposal to recognize French Masonry has not been opposed on the ground of illegitimacy.

From the standpoint of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba the important questions in connection with French Masonry bear upon religion and politics and in regard to these two very important matters the Committee desired to obtain most accurate and authentic information. They wished to ascertain, if possible, (1) What in general is the actual official attitude of French Masons towards religion; in particular is the morality they teach based upon reason and intelligence alone or upon religious faith as well; do they or do they not in their Lodge ritual and instruction teach their members to believe in the existence of the Great Architect of the Universe? (2) Does French Masonry take an active part in politics, and if so, what is the exact manner and method of such participation?

The Committee believe that it is upon these things chiefly that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba desire particularly to be informed, and that when members of Grand Lodge find themselves in possession of the facts of the case the way to a decision in the matter will be made easier.

The accompanying table gives a brief summary of the results of the Committee's enquiries up to the present time.

1. The Grand Orient. It appears that the Grand Orient imposes no religious test on Candidates for admission and that the Grand College of Rites has eliminated and now discountenances all official and collective reference to the Great Architect of the Universe; while leaving every Mason free to entertain privately his own private convictions. It is the understanding of the Committee that matters of social and political import in the broad sense are discussed and debated in the lodges.

2. The Grand Lodge of France. There appears to be no religious formula imposed upon candidates; but the candidate for initiation is asked as to his faith or trust, the instruction in the first degree directly affirms the existence of a Great Architect, Author of the Universe, and the lodges are opened and closed and all the work carried on in the name of the G.A.O.T.U. The statement is made on high authority that the Grand Lodge of France in its effort to be absolutely tolerant forbids all discussion of politics or religion in its lodges.

3. The Independent and Regular National Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge is new and small. According to all accounts its aims, ideals, and practice are similar to our own. As mentioned below it enjoys the recognition of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Committee are not prepared at the present time to recommend the recognition of any of these bodies. They are of opinion that there is no pressing emergency; and as there is still certain information to be gathered they ask that action be deferred for another year. The foregoing is respectfully offered as an interim report.

Fraternally submitted,

SIDNEY E. LANG,
Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114), seconded by R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird (1), the report of the Committee on Foreign Grand Lodges was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence.

MASONIC BODIES IN FRANCE.

Name	Origin	Date of present Organization	Recognizing and governing.	Lodges	Members	Governing Principles
Grande Lodge Anglaise de France, 1743.	Grand Lodge of England in 1743 granted authority for organization of a Provincial Grand Lodge. This body declared itself independent changing its name to Grande Lodge de France in 1755 and reorganizing its constitution in 1772 as the Grand Orient.	1772 Grand Orient of France	33 degrees.	471.	33,000	The pursuit of truth, the study of morality and the practice of solidarity; mutual toleration, respect for others and for one's self, absolute liberty of conscience; liberty, equality, fraternity.
Rite of Perfection.	A body of Scottish Rite Masons organized in 1760. In 1803 agreed with the Grand Orient to allow the latter to govern degrees 1 to 18 while the Rite controlled the degrees above the 18th.	1804. Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.	33 degrees. The rituals of the degrees above the 3rd are settled by the Supreme Council.			Maintains the ancient and imprescriptible Doctrines of the Scottish Rite and recognizes a superior Force, the existence of a Creative Principle, which it proclaims......under the name of the G.A.O.T.U.

Grand Lodge of France, 1804.	Appears to have begun its career in 1804 under the authority of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite and to have derived all its powers therefrom. Reorganized in 1894 but remained subsidiary and subordinate to the Supreme Council until 1904.	1904. Grand Lodge of France.	3 degrees.	153.	7,600	Representative of the Scottish Rite from which it sprang, its recognition of the G.A.O.T.U. is of the essence of its existence. Recognises the Emulation Ritual. Lodges are opened and closed and all the work carried on in the name of T.G.A.O.T.U.
Independent and Grand Lodge of Regular National France and of the French Colonies.	A Grand Lodge organized in 1913 It then comprised 3 Lodges which had seceded from the Grand Orient. Recognized by G. L. of England in 1913.	1913. Ind. and Reg. Nat. G.L. of France and of the French Colonies.	3 degrees.	9.	400	Modeled upon the laws and principles of the Grand Lodge of England.

The above information has been collected from various sources, of which the following should be especially mentioned.

1. Letter from Edward P. Denny, Joint Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of France.
2. Letter of E. Hawkins, W.M. Anglo-Saxon Lodge No. 343 Grand Lodge of France.
3. Report Special Committee on French Masonry Grand Lodge of California 1918.
4. Pamphlet "Freemasonry in France" by Wm. Preston Campbell-Everden.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Masonic Temple, Winnipeg.

Most Worshipful Sir:—

In pursuance of resolution recorded on page 249 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., 1918, the Committee on jurisprudence has considered the matter referred to, and begs to report as follows:—

Your Committee finds nothing in the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba limiting discussion of social topics for educational purposes in lodges.

Your Committee finds, however, among the "Charges of a Freemason," printed with the constitution and particularly under the heading, "BEHAVIOUR . . . . **after the Lodge is over and the brethren not gone,**" the following: " . . . . Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, **far less any quarrels about religion or nations or state policy**—we being only as Masons of the universal religion before mentioned. We are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and resolved against all politics as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge nor ever will."

It is noted that the above relates to **Behaviour after the lodge is over.** It is, therefore, to be considered as more imperatively binding with respect to behaviour in open lodge.

Your Committee does not find that these charges have been adopted by this Grand Lodge as a part of its constitution. In the absence of immediate knowledge of the source of authority for these charges, yet not doubting their authority, your Committee accepts them as of at least binding traditional value.

In the opinion of your Committee any discussion which would so deal with religion or political subjects in open lodge or after the lodge is over and before the brethren are gone would be contrary to the spirit of the constitution and of the ancient charges.

There is, however, a broader charge to newly initiated Candidates formally adopted by this Grand Lodge in the following words:—

> "So must your obedience be proved . . . . by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion."

Your Committee cannot overlook the sweeping significance of the words last above quoted; yet submits that this is a charge to newly initiated brethren stated in the most forcible language in order to afford an easily followed rule for the conduct of unskilled Masons. Read in the light of the traditional charges it may easily be argued, and your committee suggests that applied to the more experienced brethren the expression "religious" or "political discussion" must be considered as relating to quarrelsome or contentious discussions. The charges to Fellow Crafts and to newly raised Master Masons indicate an expansion of the nature of the subjects and discussions and their purpose upon which the brethren may enter and find a sphere of usefulness.

The Committee suggests that discussion and friendly differences of opinion on social subjects of educational value are not within the terms, "private piques or quarrels," or "quarrels about religion or nations or state policy," or "topics of religious or political discussion," as your Committee interprets those words.

Your Committee finds nothing in the charges above quoted or elsewhere in the constitution that would prohibit discussion of social subjects for educational purposes conducted under the guidance of a skilled member of the craft who would take all precautions to exclude from such discussions those in any sense likely to lead to quarrels or dissension.

Your Committee further suggests that under wise and skillful guidance as above mentioned, discussions of social subjects for educational purposes—**not for propaganda purposes**—might be regularly, properly and constitutionally undertaken, it being expressly understood that a matter which today may be of **educational value** may tomorrow become a matter of "political or religious dissension," but that a skilled brother trained in fraternal relations and acting under the Master of his Lodge will almost certainly exercise sound discretion in the selection of subjects for consideration, and the manner and times of dealing with same.

It is, however, suggested that the matter might be made clear by an explicit declaration by Grand Lodge.

Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that no appeals or other matters than as above have required attention during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

LORNE S. ELLIOTT,

Chairman.

Moved by Bro. Rev. John Pate (102), seconded by V.W. Bro. Theo. G. Finn (13), and adopted—That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and considered clause by clause, after which on motion of W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), the report was adopted and the opinions expressed therein concurred in by Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Wherever men have lived, there men have died, and wherever human fellowships and friendships have been formed these have through all time been rudely shattered by the cold hand of death.

> "Men drop so fast
> 'Ere life's mid-stage we tread
> Few know so many friends alive as dead."

Death's hand has been busy amongst us.

During the years of this terrible war how many thousands of the most promising of our young men have nobly died, but during this last year we have suffered in an especial way at home.

The epidemic of influenza has swept away its tens of thousands and amongst them some of our stalwarts, whose work amongst us gave promise of years of usefulness, yet they are not to meet with us here again.

So as we gather here in this our annual communication, we pause awhile and cease from even important business here that we may remind ourselves of the broken friendships that we have been called upon to suffer during the past year.

Broken, did I say; nay, rather let us say "interrupted." Those earthly ties that have been severed will be re-united and the fellowships that have been interrupted here will be renewed again in that larger life, where "seeing face to face and knowing as we are known," our friendly intercourse with those whose companionship has cheered us here will reach its highest culmination.

This is the thought that glows within us as we call to mind those of our brethren who have passed on before us.

Were we unable to look beyond the coldness of death and the darkness of the tomb our spirits would droop and we would drag our leaden footsteps on towards the "dread unknown," but the soul of man has ever refused to limit itself to the brief existence known to our earthly experience.

One of the ancients expressed the hope and aspiration of the soul crystalized into an assurance of faith when he said:

"I shall not die; but live, and declare the works of the Lord." and so one of our more modern poets has said:

"We see but dimly through the mists and vapours
    Amid these earthly damps,
What seem to us but the funereal tapers
    May be heaven's distant lamps."
"There is no death, what seems so
    Is transition;
This life of mortal breath
    Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portal we call death."

And so, strong in the belief that death is but the gateway into larger life, we think of our brethren not alone with sorrow and regret, as we miss their presence, but we think of them as having passed their probation here and now, with powers untrammelled by the limitations of the flesh, still progressing towards their ideals, and achieving heights of knowledge and developments of character that were unattainable in this mortal sphere.

Appended hereto is a list of brethren of foreign jurisdictions who have been called to the Grand Lodge above.

DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Hezekiah A. Cudger, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died September 22nd, 1917.

John Nichols, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died September 28th, 1917.

Charles H. Robinson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died November 6th, 1917.

Francis M. Winchester, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died November 11th, 1918.

Leo. D. Heartt, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died December 13th, 1917.

Robert H. Bradley, Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, died May 17th, 1918.

Charles A. Gipe, Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge of Kentucky, died May 30th, 1918.

William B. Hackenburg, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, died June 27th, 1918.

George R. Gepp, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Peru, died July 8th, 1918.

Septimus S. Spencer, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oregon, died July 15th.

Enoch Strother, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nevada, died July 17th, 1918.

Thomas Gray, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oregon, died August 24th, 1918.

Frank A. Moore, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oregon, died September 25th, 1918.

W. Hayes Laird, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died October 3rd, 1918.

Joseph A. Kuhn, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington, died October 4th, 1918.

Henry R. Taylor, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Maine, died October 6th, 1918.

Frank R. Lawrence, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York, died October 26th, 1918.

Thomas P. Jacobs, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died October 30th, 1918.

James P. A. Black, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died November 12th, 1918.

Sidney A. Luke, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada, died November 23rd, 1918.

Matthew M. Miller, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Kansas, died November 29th, 1918.

John W. Barry, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Iowa, died December 1st, 1918.

George A. Joiner, Past Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Alabama, died December 8th, 1918.

John Kennaly, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Idaho, died December 13th, 1918.

William C.Whitwell, Past Master, Grand Lodge of Idaho, died December 29th, 1918.

Theodore Roosevelt, Grand Lodge of New York, died January 6th, 1918.

Thomas M. Baldwin, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Oregon, died January 14th, 1919.

Ralph R. Rickly, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Ohio, died January 16th, 1918.

Frederick A. Fowler, Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge of South Dakota, died January 25th, 1918.

Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Lodge of Maine, died February 1st, 1918.

Philo J. Martin, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Iowa, died February 15th, 1919.

Thomas J. Brandon, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died February 21st, 1919.

Monroe C. Crawford, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, died March 9th, 1919.

Alexander D. Macdonald, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Montana, died May 1st, 1919.

Thomas B. Flint, Past Master, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died April 7th, 1919.

Austin H. Scrogin, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, died April 26th, 1919.

W. Adolph Jacobs, Grand Tyler, Grand Lodge of Nevada, died December 23rd, 1918.

George Warren Keith, Past Grand Junior Warden, Grand Lodge of Nevada, died May 5th, 1919.

James G. Gault, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Lodge of Nevada, died November 20th, 1918.

Alfred W. Holmes, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Nevada, died March 15th, 1919.

James W. Boyd, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Florida, died May 29th, 1919.

Fraternally submitted,

WILL GIBBEN,
Chairman.

On motion of W. Bro. Will Gibben (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black (4), the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members,
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

The efforts of the committee during the year in the direction of organizing the work of masonic research and education may be indicated by the following communications sent to the constituent lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

On August 22, 1918, the following circular was sent out:—

"The Committee on Masonic Research and Education desire to call the attention of the Members of the Craft to the project of the formation of Study Clubs throughout the jurisdiction.

"This matter has already been brought formally to the notice of the various lodges in a circular letter.

"The Committee are of the opinion that in many lodges it would be possible to enlist the services of the Past Masters in the work of organizing such study clubs. The Past Masters of a lodge should include the natural leaders in a movement of this kind, and the services they are in a position to render to the younger members of the Craft would prove of incalculable value.

"With the view of indicating lines of study which might be profitably undertaken the Committee venture to suggest a few topics of general interest upon which papers and lectures might be given for the information of masonic students:

1. Physical Qualifications of Candidates for Masonry.
2. Matters upon which new Members should receive Special Instruction in addition to the usual Charges.
3. Should the scope of Masonic Lodge Discussion be enlarged to include political and social topics, namely, Woman Suffrage, Good Roads, Income Tax, Divorce, and the like?
4. The Dangers of Publicity and Display in Masonic Affairs.
5. Should the Benevolent Fund be used to establish a Masonic Home or should it be disbursed in a more private and personal way?
6. Should loyalty to Flag and Constitution be more strongly emphasized in the Lodge and how may this be done?
7. The Religious element in Masonic Ritual and Doctrine.

"The Committee on Masonic Research and Education would be pleased to receive from you, not later than October 1st, a statement as to the action taken by the Lodge upon the foregoing suggestions, and any further assistance which the Committee can give in the matter will be cheerfully rendered.

"The Committee further venture to recommend to the serious consideration of your Lodge the advisability of making an earnest study of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

"They would respectfully urge upon all Lodges the importance of the reports included therein. It would prove most interesting and improving if the Wor. Master have certain portions of these reports read in open lodge. In particular, the Grand Master's address, the Chaplain's Address, and the reports on the Condition of Masonry and on Foreign Relations and Correspondence contain much that is instructive and inspiring."

A few replies reached the Committee, but not a sufficient number upon which to form an opinion as to the mind of the Craft regarding the matter mentioned. It may seem proper to the members of Grand Lodge to take the whole question under discussion at this communication.

On the 5th December, the Worshipful Masters of the Constituent Lodges were addressed as follows:—

"The Committee on Masonic Research and Education desire to call the attention of the Lodges to the following plan for a Lecture dealing with certain phases of local and general Masonic history. It has been proposed that this Lecture should be delivered by the I.P.M. to Master Masons one month after raising.

"The first section of the Lecture would deal with the history of the local Lodge. The preparation of this part would naturally be undertaken by the past masters of each Lodge.

"It might include a statement of the facts of chief historical importance relating to the foundation, establishment, consecration, work, and progress of the Lodge. It might very well include the date of the Dispensation, the name of the Grand Master at the time, the number and names of the charter members, the names of the principal officers first appointed, and of the worshipful brethren in order who have governed the Lodge since its formation, the number of brethren who have first and last been members of the Lodge since its formation, the occasions upon which the brethren have assisted in ceremonial at the erection of public buildings in the vicinity, and any other public activities in which the Lodge and the brethren have been intimately concerned.

"The second and third sections would deal with the history of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and of Freemasonry in general. The Committee hope to have outlines prepared and submitted to Grand Lodge for approval. These sections, when complete, may be printed for use in the constituent Lodges.

"The salient facts connected with the history of Grand Lodge would naturally comprise the date of its formation, the number of constituent Lodges uniting to form Grand Lodge, the origin of these Lodges and whence they derived their original charters, the names of the Grand Masters who have held sway since the foundation of Grand Lodge, the geographical area of Grand Lodge jurisdiction and the number of constituent Lodges within the system before and after the formation of the daughter Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and a general statement of our relations with sister Grand Lodges, and particularly our historic connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Mother Grand Lodge of England.

Upon this would follow an account of the formation of Grand Lodges in England, Ireland and Scotland in the early part of the eighteenth century, an important step which followed the revival of the ancient custom and practice of holding quarterly and yearly assemblies. Due notice should be taken of the fact that operative and accepted Masons united in the movement, the former being stronger in number and the latter in leadership, and of the ensuing rapid increase of the Order, and particularly of the speculative element therein, this extension being greatly assisted by the assumption of organizing power and authority by the new "Grand" Lodges. With the foregoing as a basis, young Masons would be in a position to follow a discussion of the Masonry of the Middle Ages, and a variety of historical topics might be suggested, such as the Old Charges, the Manuscripts (Regius M.S., 1390, the Fifteenth Century Cooks MS., the Oxford MS. of 1436, etc.) Guild Masonry, Accepted Masons, and the like."

To this communication no replies have been received. The present may be deemed a suitable occasion to discuss the matters embodied in the circular.

On the 17th January a communication was sent to the President of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg relative to the library as follows:

"Many fruitful fields of masonic endeavor have been opened during the last few years. The Craft of Manitoba, appreciative of these opportunities for progressive work, has initiated reforms by widening the scope of its activities. It is pleasing to note the quickened spirit engendered and to feel that further development may be awaited with quiet confidence.

"It may be within bounds of certitude to state that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., through its enlarged interests, deserves a place second to none in Canada.

"This gratifying condition has, in a great degree, been effected by Members of the Masonic Temple Association of Winnipeg Board of Directors. Their attention is respectively invited to a medium of development which has been neglected owing to lack of office space.

"The Grand Lodge has a number of books and magazines that should be readily accessible. It is unnecessary to dilate on the value of study as a progressive medium.

"You are, in consequence, urged to place the two rooms recently vacated by the Janitor, at the disposal of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education for use as a library.

"The books and magazines should be kept on open steel shelves in the northern room, and the other used by the Craft as a library.

"Trusting you may entertain this request favorably and thereby add to the happiness of the Brethren."

On the 30th April the following was sent to the Masters of the Blue Lodges meeting in the Temple:—

"How many Masons are aware that approximately three thousand books lie in this building? Fifteen hundred of them are on Masonic subjects, while others deal with science, philosophy, religion, history and fiction.

"A lack of housing space has for many years prejudiced attempts to establish a library as a light to help to guide the activities of the Fraternity of this city and province. It would be regrettable to continue this state of affairs, as Freemasonry is progressive. Progress is made through study and attrition, assimilation and application. A library would afford opportunity to learn the best thoughts of the centuries and thereby widen the capacity and usefulness of members.

"An institution of learning should have a great collection of books as they present diversified knowledge and, as a consequence, meet the varied demands of many minds.

"The status of the Grand Lodge of Iowa is a striking example of the utility of a library. It is, supposedly, the finest under Masonic auspices, and the institution itself is the most efficient in the world.

"Why should you not form the nucleus of a library that may in time be invaluable as a means of enriching the mind with knowledge a Mason should know?

"M.W. Brother John W. Harris has unselfishly offered to classify the books, arrange them in a convenient form for ready reference, and, in a general sense, give continuous supervision to the library for the benefit of the Brethren.

"It is true, the quarters recently vacated by Brother Little would be useful as committee rooms. The time has come for deciding what shall be done with them. The decision should be based on relative value. You would confer a favor if you be so kind as to advise whether used as committee rooms, or as a library under the enthusiastic and courteous direction of the M.W. Brother, the space referred to would prove of more benefit to the Fraternity of this city and province."

Up to the present the proposal regarding the library has not been acted upon.

It may not be amiss at this point to call the attention of the Brethren to the aims and purposes which the Committee have had in mind in advocating the formation of Study Clubs and in endeavoring to stimulate effort in Masonic study and research. The Committee are firmly of opinion that progress in this, as in any other field of education, can be made only by real effort on the part of the members of Lodges themselves. The work cannot be done for the individual. It must be done by him if any lasting result is to be secured. No mere lecturing or essay reading by an outsider, no matter how entertainingly done, can take the place of real investigation and study by the individual himself.

The activities of many lodges have been greatly lessened by the ravages of the "flu," a disorder which has swept over the land like a pestilence and left broken hearts in its wake. Indeed, reports are at hand that in some places Masonic work has for many months been paralyzed.

This regrettable state of affairs has made co-operation impossible and disposed many energetic and enthusiastic members to await the coming of more propitious times, when sorrowing hearts will have been comforted somewhat, courage regained its throne and a new hope and optimism given to battle against the problems of the future.

Here and there small groups have struggled valiantly, and with surprising success, to keep the spark alight. Study Clubs have been formed and appropriate literature obtained or ordered, papers prepared and read and interesting discussions held.

These brethren, earnest and self-reliant, are inspiring examples of the progressive spirit that should animate a Mason. May this quickened interest widen and deepen and may it focus attention on the utility of a library, the unrealized hope of many during four decades.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD M. WALKER,

Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114), seconded by M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W.Grand Master and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Grand Master's Address beg to report as follows:

Your Committee desire to felicitate the Grand Master upon his lofty conception of Masonic principles as expressed in his inspiring address. Its uplifting words direct our thoughts to the spiritual ideal of our teaching enshrined in the heart of every true Mason. We commend his address to the brethren for their contemplation and invite special attention to that portion in which he refers to the victory of the Allies as a vindication of the Masonic principles of Truth and Justice.

We rejoice with him in the share that Canada has earned in the righteous victory vouchsafed to the forces of Democracy, and endorse his eloquent tribute to our soldier sons who made the Supreme Sacrifice.

We note with great satisfaction the recommendation of the Grand Master that every lodge form a local benevolent fund for the amelioration of distress as a permanent testimonial to the sacrifice made by the fallen.

We endorse the suggestion that the Flag of our Country be displayed prominently in every lodge-room of the Grand Jurisdiction and advise that the Board of General Purposes take steps to put this recommendation into effect.

We recommend that the whole question of the advisability and utility of District Meetings be referred to the Board for mature consideration, and if a continuation of the practice be found desirable that the Board be requested to draft a series of programmes for such meetings and render all possible assistance in the preparation of the literary items of such series of programmes.

The advice of the Grand Master that great care be exercised in the Choice of District Deputy Grand Masters and Worshipful Masters is pertinent, as is his injunction regarding the quality of the applicants to be admitted to the Fraternity. Such admonition is ever timely for the future of Masonry depends on the kind of men we choose now. It is urged that the Brethren in attendance at this Communication keep this in mind as a guide for future action.

We highly commend the Grand Master's suggestion that, "the future of Freemasonry is closely connected with and depends much upon a uniform programme of education, and if we are to keep abreast of new conditions and new ideals our Masonic thinking must be stimulated and our vision enlarged. I trust that for the coming year definite action in this regard may develop in our lodges."

Such an expression from the official head of the Craft should be of immense service to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education and should encourage more effective co-operation between its members and the brethren at large. Education is, indeed, the greatest business of the human race today. This Committee in furtherance of this object demand that the Board be instructed by Grand Lodge to immediately proceed to make available the rich store of Masonic and general literature now congested in the Grand Lodge Library that every member of this Grand Jurisdiction may have access to it under proper library conditions for purposes of study, and we further recommend that the Grand Lodge authorize the expenditure of such reasonable and necessary sums of money as may be required to attain this objective.

Closely related to Education is the preservation for posterity of the record of the Craft's activities by the compilation of local lodge histories. One copy, at least, of every such history should be filed in the Grand Lodge Library. Such library should, indeed, be a treasury of ancient and priceless records of all kinds. It will soon be too late to make a collection of photographs of early members unless a duty be laid on some official of this Grand Lodge to collect them and he be provided with a place for their secure storage. Your Committee therefore urge that all such activities be correlated with the reorganization of the Grand Lodge library, and that all brethren be requested to render every assistance within their power to the Board.

The Grand Master's peroration adds a worthy finish to an interesting and instructive address.

Fraternally submitted,

H. E. BLETCHER,
Convener.

On motion of M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from Labor at 11 o'clock p.m. until 10.30 o'clock a.m. Thursday, July 10th.

Second Day = Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, July 10th, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PROBLEMS OF A COUNTRY LODGE.

The discussion was opened by W. Bro. Rev. Charles E. Somerset (44), followed by Bro. Rev. John Pate (102), and R.W. Bro. Robert J. Mills (51).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BI-CENTENARY FUND

To the M.W the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Bi-Centenary Fund beg leave to report as follows:

This Committee was appointed for the purpose of continuing the campaign for this Fund in those Lodges which had not yet subscribed the amount originally allotted to them, and also to co-operate with those Lodges which had not yet secured full payment of the amounts subscribed by their members.

Each Lodge was directly communicated with from this Committee and many of them from the local D.D.G.M. Some of the Lodges were visited and special appeals made, and plans were being formed for special visits to many or all of the other Lodges when the fall rush was over. Unfortunately the country was stricken with the Spanish Influenza just at this time and very little was accomplished. Many of the Lodges were unable to hold a Communication for months, so that it was impossible to carry on an effective campaign.

However, we are pleased to be able to report a certain amount of progress. New subscriptions to the amount of $2,292.23 have been received. Of this amount $699.88 has been subscribed by those Lodges which had already reached their allotment, and as additional subscriptions above allotment by those Lodges which reached the amount of their allotment during this year. This leaves an amount of $1,592.35 as subscriptions toward allotment by those Lodges which were under 100 per cent. last year.

Of the 33 Lodges under 100 per cent. last year, five, viz.: Emerson No. 6, Hamiota No. 84, Reston No. 104, Strathcona No. 117, and Patricia No. 125, have reached 100 per cent. or better this year. Eighteen have subscribed additional amounts ranging from $4 to $295, while ten have done nothing at all. There are therefore still twenty-eight Lodges which have not reached 100 per cent. of allotment.

The appeal on behalf of this Fund to the Masons of this Grand Lodge was made while we were still in the throes of that titanic struggle which enveloped the world, and while we could, in a measure, only estimate the necessity for such an endowment. Thank God that struggle has ended. Peace has been proclaimed. RIGHT has triumphed. But we are now face to face with many of the problems resultant from the war. Our men who have been fortunate enough to live through the war have been coming home for months and there are still many more to follow. We are in a position to determine somewhat the claims upon our institution and it must be very evident to all that these will be manifold indeed.

Your Committee is of the opinion that it is manifestly fair that all Lodges should do their share towards this Fund in order that those good works of love and mercy which are evidenced by the Report of the Committee on Benevolence may be carried on without restriction for lack of funds. However, as this matter has been so thoroughly before the Lodges for the last two years your Committee is of the opinion that Grand Lodge should determine what further action, if any, shall be taken in the matter.

The condition of the Fund at the present time is indicated by the appended statement.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. HATCHER,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), seconded by M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), the report of the Committee on the Bi-Centenary Fund was received and adopted.

STATEMENT OF BI-CENTENARY FUND TO JUNE 1, 1919

100 Per Cent. and Over

No.	Name of Lodge	Allotment	Subscribed	Paid
1	Prince Rupert's	$ 4,210.00	$ 6,569.45	$ 5,654.95
2	Lisgar	880.00	880.00	880.00
3	Ancient Landmark	4,100.00	5,131.50	3,342.50
4	St. John's	4,020.00	10,026.55	8,891.55
6	Emerson	610.00	610.00	610.00
8	King Solomon	690.00	690.00	690.00
9	Oakland	710.00	715.43	715.43
10	Northern Light	2,340.00	4,230.20	3,760.20
11	Gladstone	580.00	687.00	657.00
12	Stonewall	700.00	1,038.00	1,020.50
15	Corinthian	480.00	480.00	480.00
19	Brandon	1,890.00	1,890.00	1,890.00
25	Ionic	3,220.00	4,644.93	4,210.68
30	Manitou	500.00	500.00	500.00
39	Birtle	460.00	460.00	460.00
40	Deloraine	930.00	930.00	562.00
44	Oak Lake	460.00	522.25	522.25
49	Temple	500.00	500.00	338.00
50	Killarney	640.00	640.00	623.00
51	Treherne	540.00	546.00	546.00
54	Oriental	530.00	530.00	263.50
55	East Star	380.00	431.00	431.00
64	Composite	490.00	517.50	517.50
70	Shiloh	450.00	450.00	393.00
71	Crystal	440.00	440.00	440.00
77	Napinka	300.00	300.00	300.00
82	Cypress	300.00	330.00	330.00
84	Hamiota	620.00	642.00	642.00
86	Elgin	500.00	500.00	500.00
92	Shoal Lake	600.00	710.00	710.00
93	King Edward	2,540.00	2,791.47	2,102.47
100	Robbie Burns	340.00	340.00	340.00
103	Crescent	380.00	400.00	400.00
104	Reston	740.00	773.75	773.75
105	Prince Arthur	520.00	542.50	512.50
106	Strathclair	400.00	400.00	280.00
112	Ophir	300.00	485.00	485.00
113	Tweed	1,080.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
114	"The Assiniboine"	2,540.00	6,073.20	5,468.15
116	St. Andrews	250.00	278.00	278.00
117	Strathcona	350.00	350.00	350.00
118	Mound	350.00	350.00	350.00
119	Norwood	940.00	940.00	840.00
120	Penza	300.00	325.00	325.00
121	St. James	610.00	950.00	940.00
122	Roblin	280.00	310.00	310.00

STATEMENT OF BI-CENTENARY FUND—Continued.

123	Transcona	530.00	544.00	407.00
124	The Pas	180.00	200.00	200.00
125	Patricia	190.00	210.00	210.00
126	Favel	110.00	221.00	221.00

Under 100 Per Cent.

No.	Name of Lodge	Allotment	Subscribed	Paid
7	Assiniboine	1,540.00	880.00	490.00
13	Belmont	560.00	420.00	420.00
14	Prince of Wales	890.00	696.00	696.00
24	Neepawa	1,220.00	576.30	576.30
27	Glenwood	970.00	459.50	459.50
29	Carberry	690.00	335.00	310.00
36	Doric	970.00	218.00	218.00
43	Lebanon	680.00	571.00	571.00
48	Glenboro	350.00	159.00	159.00
52	Hartney	630.00	363.00	363.00
62	Russell	610.00	572.00	537.00
63	Holland	710.00	427.00	427.00
67	Wawanesa	370.00	135.00	135.00
68	Vermillion	1,860.00	721.00	721.00
74	Elkhorn	750.00	468.00	468.00
75	Gothic	310.00	200.00	200.00
87	Rathwell	310.00	213.00	51.00
90	Midlothian	710.00	140.00	140.00
94	Hiram	420.00	130.00	130.00
99	Lauder	270.00	122.00	122.00
101	Binscarth	410.00	344.00	344.00
102	Miniota	340.00	211.00	211.00
107	Lansdowne	380.00	220.00	220.00
108	Union	440.00	86.00	86.00
109	Swan Lake	260.00	190.00	125.00
110	Kilwinning	390.00	370.00	345.00
111	Accacia	1,080.00	866.00	866.00
115	Rivers	630.00	367.25	367.25
	U.C. of Engineers		100.00	100.00
			$23,650.17	$21,707.12

Subscribed $74,710.78
Amount Paid 66,656.98

Amount Unpaid.....$ 8,053.80

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Finance beg to report that we have approved for payment all accounts covering expenditure incurred during the past financial year, as shown by the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

We recommend the following appropriations for the current year:—

Grand Secretary's salary	$2,400.00
Assistant to Grand Secretary	600.00
Grand Master for Expenses	50.00
Printing Proceedings of 1919 Session	600.00
Office Rent	400.00
Stationery and Postage	300.00
Grant to Library	50.00
Grand Tyler	20.00
International Bureau (Switzerland)	50.00
Contingent Expenses	300.00

In view of the necessity of adjusting salaries to meet the very greatly increased cost of living, your Committee would recommend that the Board of General Purposes be empowered to deal with this matter and to make such increases in the salaries of the permanent staff as may be found necessary.

Fraternally submitted,

JABEZ MILLER,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), seconded by W. Bro. James MacKie (4), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12 o'clock a.m. until 2 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, July 10th, at 2 o'clock. p.m.

PRESENT:

M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, Grand Master, Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

In accordance with Section 11 of the Constitution the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held at the City of Winnipeg.

TESTIMONIAL TO EDWARD T. GREENWAY, P.G.M.

On motion of M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), seconded by R.W. Bro. Thomas G. Bethell (10), the Finance Committee was authorized to procure a Past Grand Master's Chain Collar, and Jewel for presentation to M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, P.G.M.

RANK OF PAST D.D.G. MASTER

On motion of R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), the Rank of Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master was, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, conferred on the several brethren named therein.

DELIVERANCE

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird D.D. (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), and

Resolved:—That the Board of General Purposes be asked to prepare a Deliverance as recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence, this Deliverance to be sent to the Constituent Lodges not later than the 31st December, 1919.

NATIONAL FLAG

It was moved by M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), seconded by R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), and

Resolved:—That the Board of General Purposes be requested to prepare a brief statement setting forth the duties and responsibilities of Masons with respect to the National Flag; that this statement be sent out to the Constituent Lodges with a request that they express an opinion of the advisabiliy of its being embodied in the charge to the newly initiated candidate; and that the Board of General Purposes report to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge the result of the consideration of the subject.

PROHIBITION OF LIQUOR TRAFFIC

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird, D.D. (1), seconded by W. Bro. Will Gibben (25), and

Resolved:—That the members of this Grand Lodge, realizing the economic advantages, and especially the social and moral advantages of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, express the hope that prohibitory regulations may be embodied in permanent legislation, and declare that they are willing to suffer the necessary limitation of personal freedom in view of the great benefits to be gained therefrom.

BI-CENTENARY FUND

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Robert J. Mills (51), seconded by W. Bro. Charles E. Somerset (44), and

Resolved:—That the Special Committee to be appointed in connection with the Bi-Centenary Fund ,the District Deputy Grand Masters of the various Masonic Districts, and the Officers of the various Subordinate Lodges which, up to the present time, have failed to reach the objective set by the Grand Lodge in connection with the said Bi-Centenary Fund, be directed to do all they can legitimately to collect the balance of the said objectives within the ensuing Masonic Year.

On motion of V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), the Masonic Districts were determined as follows:—

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, Winnipeg.

No.	1—Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg
"	2—Lisgar	Selkirk
"	3—Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg
"	4—St. John's	Winnipeg
"	10—Northern Light	Winnipeg
"	25—Ionic	Winnipeg
"	93—King Edward	Winnipeg
"	111—Acacia	Elmwood, Winnipeg
"	114—"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg
"	119—Norwood	St. Boniface
"	121—St. James	St. James
"	123—Transcona	Transcona
"	127—Empire	Weston, Winnipeg

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John P. MacKinnon, MacGregor.

No.	7—Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie
"	11—Gladstone	Gladstone
"	24—Neepawa	Neepawa
"	29—Carberry	Carberry
"	49—Temple	MacGregor
"	75—Gothic	Austin
"	108—Union	Brookdale
"	116—St. Andrew's	Wellwood

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. William A. Mott, Rathwell.

No.	48—Glenboro	Glenboro
"	51—Treherne	Treherne
"	63—Holland	Holland
"	82—Cypress	Cypress River
"	87—Rathwell	Rathwell
"	103—Crescent	Elm Creek

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Rev. James S. Miller, Crystal City.

No.	13—Belmont	Morden
"	30—Manitou	Manitou
"	36—Doric	Boissevain
"	40—Deloraine	Deloraine
"	50—Killarney	Killarney
"	71—Crystal	Crystal City
"	118—Mound	Pilot Mound

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Lorne S. Taylor, Hamiota.

No.	14—Prince of Wales	Minnedosa
"	15—Corinthian	Rapid City
"	39—Birtle	Birtle
"	62—Russell	Russell
"	84—Hamiota	Hamiota
"	92—Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake
"	101—Binscarth	Binscarth
"	102—Miniota	Miniota
"	106—Strathclair	Strathclair
"	115—Rivers	Rivers

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. John Pollock, Souris.

No.	27—Glenwood	Souris
"	52—Hartney	Hartney
"	54—Oriental	Melita
"	77—Napinka	Napinka
"	86—Elgin	Elgin
"	99—Lauder	Lauder
"	104—Reston	Reston
"	110—Kilwinning	Minto

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Edward Bolton, Brandon.

No.	19—Brandon	Brandon
"	43—Lebanon	Virden
"	44—Oak Lake	Oak Lake
"	64—Composite	Alexander
"	74—Elkhorn	Elkhorn
"	107—Lansdowne	Griswold
"	113—Tweed	Brandon

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Henry M. Steeves, Sperling.

No.	9—Oakland	Carman
"	67—Wawanesa	Wawanesa
"	70—Shiloh	Roland
"	90—Midlothian	Miami
"	109—Swan Lake	Swan Lake
"	117—Strathcona	Belmont
"	125—Patricia	Sperling

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Henry W. H. Laing, Minitonas.

No.	68—Vermillion	Dauphin
"	94—Hiram	Grandview
"	100—Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains
"	105—Prince Arthur	Swan River
"	122—Roblin	Roblin
"	124—The Pas	The Pas
"	126—Favel	Minitonas

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Charles L. Maynes, Dominion City

No.	6—Emerson	Emerson
"	8—King Solomon	Morris
"	12—Stonewall	Stonewall
"	55—East Star	Gretna
"	112—Ophir	Beausejour
"	120—Penza	Dominion City

RECAPITULATION

First Masonic District	13
Second Masonic District	8
Third Masonic District	6
Fourth Masonic District	7
Fifth Masonic District	10
Sixth Masonic District	8
Seventh Masonic District	7
Eighth Masonic District	7
Ninth Masonic District	7
Tenth Masonic District	6
Total	79

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph, acting Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:—

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to Report as follows:—

There are 78 chartered Lodges on the Grand Register; 37 Lodges are represented by their own Officers, 21 Lodges by proxy, and 20 Lodges are unrepresented. There are 103 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 277.

Your Committee find the Lodges in this Jurisdiction represented as follows:—

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
1	Prince Rupert's	--	1	--	7	--	10
2	Lisgar	1	1	1	2	--	5
3	Ancient Landmark	1	1	1	3	--	6
4	St. John's	1	--	1	8	--	11
6	Emerson	1	--	1	1	--	4
7	Assiniboine	1	--	--	--	--	3
8	King Solomon*	--	--	--	--	--	--
9	Oakland	1	--	--	2	--	5
10	Northern Light	1	--	--	5	--	8
11	Gladstone	1	1	--	5	--	8
12	Stonewall	--	1	1	4	--	7
13	Belmont	--	--	--	2	1	5
14	Prince of Wales	--	--	--	2	1	5
15	Corinthian*	--	--	--	--	--	--
19	Brandon	1	1	--	4	--	7
24	Neepawa	--	--	--	5	1	8
25	Ionic	1	--	--	9	--	12
27	Glenwood	--	--	--	2	1	5
29	Carberry*	--	--	--	--	--	--
30	Manitou	--	--	--	--	--	--
36	Doric	--	--	--	1	1	4
39	Birtle	--	--	--	1	1	4
40	Deloraine*	--	--	--	--	--	--
43	Lebanon	1	--	--	1	--	4
44	Oak Lake	1	--	--	--	--	3
48	Glenboro	1	--	--	1	1	4
49	Temple	1	--	--	2	--	5
50	Killarney	--	--	--	1	1	4
51	Treherne	1	--	--	1	--	4
52	Hartney	--	--	--	1	1	4
54	Oriental	--	--	--	--	1	3
55	East Star	1	--	--	1	--	4
62	Russell*	--	--	--	--	--	--
63	Holland	--	--	--	2	1	5
64	Composite	--	--	--	1	1	4
67	Wawanesa*	--	--	--	--	--	--
68	Vermillion	--	--	1	--	--	3
70	Shiloh*	--	--	--	--	--	--
71	Crystal	--	1	--	3	--	6
74	Elkhorn	1	--	--	1	--	4
75	Gothic	1	--	--	--	1	3
77	Napinka	1	--	--	--	--	3
82	Cypress*	--	--	--	--	--	--
84	Hamiota	--	--	--	2	1	5

*Unrepresented

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Vote
86	Elgin	1	--	--	--	--	3
87	Rathwell*	--	--	--	--	--	--
90	Midlothian*	--	--	--	--	--	--
92	Shoal Lake	--	--	--	--	1	3
93	King Edward*	--	--	--	1	--	1
94	Hiram	1	--	--	--	--	3
99	Lauder	--	--	--	--	1	3
100	Robbie Burns*	--	--	--	--	--	--
101	Binscarth	1	--	--	2	--	5
102	Miniota	--	1	--	1	--	4
103	Crescent	1	--	--	--	--	3
104	Reston*	--	--	--	--	--	--
105	Prince Arthur	--	--	--	1	1	4
106	Strathclair	--	--	--	1	1	4
107	Landsdowne*	--	--	--	--	--	--
108	Union*	--	--	--	--	--	--
109	Swan Lake	--	--	--	1	1	4
110	Kilwinning	--	--	--	1	1	4
111	Acacia	--	1	1	1	--	4
112	Ophir	1	--	--	1	--	4
113	Tweed	--	--	--	4	--	7
114	"The Assiniboine"	1	1	--	4	--	7
115	Rivers	1	1	--	1	--	4
116	St. Andrews*	--	--	--	--	--	--
117	Strathcona	--	--	--	1	1	4
118	Mound*	--	--	--	--	--	--
119	Norwood	1	1	1	3	--	6
120	Penza	1	--	--	2	--	5
121	St. James	1	1	--	--	--	3
122	Roblin	--	1	1	2	--	5
123	Transcona	1	--	--	1	--	4
124	The Pas*	--	--	--	--	--	--
125	Patricia*	--	--	--	--	--	--
126	Favel	1	--	--	--	--	3
							277

*Unrepresented.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19), seconded by W. Bro. George Syme (3), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The hour having arrived for the election of the Grand Lodge Officers, the M.W. the Grand Master named as scrutineers M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), M.W. Bro. William Chambers, (84), and M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), when the election proceeded with the following results:

R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25)	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird, D.D. (1)	Grand Junior Warden
V.W. Bro. William J. Major (25)	Grand Treasurer
M.W Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. (27)	Grand Secretary
W. Bro. Rev. James W. Anderson (12)	Grand Chaplain

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11)
R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10)
R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart (14)
R.W. Bro. William Conner (13)
W. Bro. James Mackie (4)
V.W. Bro. Edward Bolton (19)
R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12)
W. Bro. William M. Bannatyne (121)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

W. Bro. Royal Burritt (1)	First Masonic District
W. Bro. John P. MacKinnon (49)	Second Masonic District
W. Bro. William A. Mott (87)	Third Masonic District
R.W. Bro. Rev. James S. Miller (71)	Fourth Masonic District
W. Bro. Lorne S. Taylor (84)	Fifth Masonic District
R.W. Bro. John Pollock (27)	Sixth Masonic District
V.W. Bro. Edward Bolton (19)	Seventh Masonic District
W. Bro. Henry M. Steeves (125)	Eighth Masonic District
W Bro. Henry W. H. Laing (126)	Ninth Masonic District
V.W. Bro. Charles L. Maynes (120)	Tenth Masonic District

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Aaron W. Badger (9), seconded by R.W. Bro. John Watson (112), and

Resolved; That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the scrutineers for their efficient and satisfactory services.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre, Grand Master Elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:—

W. Bro. George G. Teeter (1), Winnipeg	Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Fred Leach (24) Neepawa	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. Hiram S. DeWitt (77), Napinka	Gr. D. of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Guy V. Dingle (10), Winnipeg	Grand Organist
W. Bro. Rev. Charles E. Somerset (44), Oak Lake	Gr. Steward
W. Bro. Irwin L. Mitchell (122), Roblin	Grand Steward
W. Bro. James M. Cosgrave (3), Winnipeg	Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. Donald McDougall (112), Beausejour	Grand Tyler

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The newly-elected Officers present were then duly installed by M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker, M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, and M.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended, the Forty-fourth Annual Communication was closed in "ample form" at 5.20 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Bro. Rev. James W. Anderson, Grand Chaplain.

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James A. Ovas

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 1919

M.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), Winnipeg..........Grand Master
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), Brandon..Deputy Gr. Master
R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), Winnipeg..Gd. Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird, D.D. (1), W'pg...Gr. Jr. Warden
R.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (1), Winnipeg..............................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John P. MacKinnon (49), MacGregor............D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. William A. Mott (87), Rathwell ..................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Rev. James S. Miller (71), Crystal City..........D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Lorne S. Taylor (84), Hamiota......................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John Pollock (27), Souris................................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Edward Bolton (19), Brandon ........................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Henry M. Steeves (125), Sperling ................D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Henry W. H. Laing (126), Minitonas............D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Charles L Maynes (120), Dominion City......D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), Winnipeg......Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, P.G.M. (27), Winnipeg....Gr. Secretary
R.W. Bro. Rev. James W. Anderson (12), Stonewall..Gr. Chaplain
V.W. Bro. George G. Teeter (1), Winnipeg..Grand Senior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Fred Leach (24), Neepawa..........Grand Junior Deacon
V.W. Bro. Hiram S. DeWitt (77), Napinka..Gr. D. of Ceremonies
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BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President

R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113) ....Brandon

Vice-President

R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25) ....Winnipeg

By Virtue of Office

M.W. Bro. Rt. Rev. Bishop Matheson (10), Past Grand Master
Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Alfred Pearson (1), Past Grand Master.............Chicago
M.W. Bro. Christopher F. Forrest (13), Past Gr. Master....Morden
M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas (27), Past Grand Master......Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. William G. Bell (3), Past Grand Master..........Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. David G. Goggin (10), Past Grand Master.........Toronto
M.W. Bro. Charles N. Bell (1), Past Grand Master.........Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Corbet Locke (13), Past Grand Master................Morden
M.W. Bro. George B. Murphy (1), Past Grand Master....Moosomin
M.W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton (40), Past Grand Master..Deloraine
M.W. Bro. R. Hill Myers (14), Past Grand Master.........Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Edward A. Brathwaite (10), Past Grand Master
Edmonton
M.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew Chisholm (49), Past Grand Master..Bield
M.W. Bro. William G. Scott (1), Past Grand Master.........Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Past Grand Master.........Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh (113), Past Grand Master......Brandon
M.W. Bro. James D. Baine (36), Past Grand Master......Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. John Wemyss (24), Past Grand Master.............Neepawa
M.W. Bro. William Chambers (84), Past Grand Master..Hamiota
M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker (10), Past Grand Master..Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Lynds S. Vaughan (2), Past Grand Master.........Selkirk
M.W. Bro. William Fenwick (113), Past Grand Master..Brandon
M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher (1), Past Grand Master....Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Percy E. Kellett (4), Past Grand Master......Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master
Crystal City
M.W. Bro. George Black (10), Hon. Past Grand Master..Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Harry H. Campkin, Hon. Past Grand Master......Regina
M.W. Bro. John W. Harris (4), Hon. Past Grand Master..Winnipeg
M.W. Bro. Alexander McIntyre (1), Grand Master.........Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (113), Deputy Gr. Master....Brandon
R.W. Bro. George N. Jackson (25), Grand Sen. Warden..Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Rev. Andrew B. Baird, D.D. (1), Gr. Junior Warden
Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. William J. Major (25), Grand Treasurer......Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Willard C. Copeland (25), Hon. Life Member..Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (114), D.D.G.M............................Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. John P. MacKinnon (49), D.D.G.M.............MacGregor
R.W. Bro. William A. Mott (87), D.D.G.M.........................Rathwell
R.W. Bro. Rev. James S. Miller (71), D.D.G.M...........Crystal City
R.W. Bro. Lorne S. Taylor (84), D.D.G.M............................Hamiota
R.W. Bro. John Pollock (27), D.D.G.M....................................Souris

R.W. Bro. Edward Bolton (19), D.D.G.M.	Brandon
R.W. Bro. Henry M. Steeves (125), D.D.G.M.	Sperling
R.W. Bro. Henry W. H. Laing (126), D.D.G.M.	Minitonas
R.W. Bro. Charles L. Maynes (120), D.D.G.M.	Dominion City

Elected by Grand Lodge

R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor (11)	Mekiwin
R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Robert T. Butchart (14)	Minnedosa
R.W. Bro. William Conner (13)	Morden
W. Bro. James Mackie (4)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. Will Gibben (25)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph (19)	Brandon
R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang (114)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. William Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott (10)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. Arthur E. Boyle (114)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. John M. Riley (12)	Stonewall
W. Bro. William M. Bannatyne (121)	St. James
R.W. Bro. William J. Major (25)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Edward Bolton (19)	Brandon

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES STANDING COMMITTEES

ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

R.W. Bro. Gregor S. McGregor—Chairman

R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph
R.W. Bro. William Conner
W. Bro. James Mackie
R.W. Bro. J. M. Riley

ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott—Chairman

R.W. Bro. W. J. Major
R.W. Bro. Henry L. Adolph
R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird
M.W. Bro. William Chambers

ON CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang—Chairman

W. Bro. James Mackie
R.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin—Chairman

M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker
M.W. Bro. P. E. Kellett
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher

ON INVESTMENTS

R.W. Bro. W. J. Major—Chairman

R.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin
R.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
W. Bro. W. M. Bannatyne
M.W. Bro. Jas. A. Ovas

ON FINANCE

R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller—Chairman

M.W. Bro. P. E. Kellett
R.W. Bro. Geo. N. Jackson
W. Bro. Jas. Mackie
M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh

ON BENEVOLENCE

R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird—Chairman

R.W. Bro. Geo. N. Jackson
R.W. Bro. William Douglas
W. Bro. Will Gibben
R.W. Bro. W. J. Major

ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

M.W. Bro. Edward M. Walker—Chairman

R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang
R.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher
R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird
M.W. Bro. J. W. Harris

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES SPECIAL COMMITTEES

On Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. Henry E. Bletcher—Chairman

M.W. Bro. William G. Bell
M.W. Bro. Henry J. Pugh
R.W. Bro. Robt. T. Butchart
W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott

ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas—Chairman

R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller
W. Bro. Will Gibben
M.W. Bro. William Fenwick
M.W. Bro. John W. Harris

ON FRATERNAL DEAD

W. Bro. Will Gibben—Chairman

R.W. Bro. Geo. N. Jackson
M.W. Bro. William Chambers
R.W. Bro. J. M. Riley
R.W. Bro. Jabez Miller

ON SECURING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE FRATERNAL RECOGNITION OF

Grand Orient of France
Grand Orient of Italy
Grand Orient of the Netherlands
Grand Lodge of Norway

R.W. Bro. Sidney E. Lang—Chairman.

R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. A. B. Baird
W. Bro. Lorne J. Elliott

ON BI-CENTENARY FUND

R.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher—Chairman

R.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Mott
R.W. Bro. Lorne S. Taylor
R.W. Bro. Edward Bolton
R.W. Bro. Henry W. H. Laing
R.W. Bro. J. P. McKinnon
R.W. Bro. Rev. James S. Miller
R.W. Bro. John Pollock
R.W. Bro. Henry M. Steeves
R.W. Bro. Chas. L. Maynes

BRETHREN ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Members of the subordinate Lodges who have enlisted for Active Service in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces as reported up to May 15th, 1919.

(A)—Killed in action or died of wounds.

PRINCE RUPERT'S LODGE No. 1

Bro. Thos. S. Acheson
Bro. Wm. A. Aldritt
Bro. John F. Allen
Bro. George W. Andrews
Bro. S. L. Barrowclough
Bro. Frederick G. Bell
Bro. Francis W. Benwell
Bro. Robert F. Bingham
Bro. Roy Billington
Bro. Fred J. Bossons
Bro. Robert H. Bracken
Bro. R. R. J. Brown (A)
Bro. Gordon S. Buchan
Bro. Thomas Burns
Bro. Alne E. Cameron
Bro. John H. Campbell
Bro. Kenneth C. Campbell
Bro. James E. Carroll
Bro. George Carruthers
Bro. Dr. N. C. Carmichael
Bro. Arthur E. Choate
Bro. Charles D. Clark
Bro. Edwin J. Clark
Bro. Eli W. Collum
Bro. Thomas Cook
Bro. William Cowan
Bro. William S. Crooks
Bro. W. T. Davies
Bro. Wiliam E. Davison
Bro. Edgar A. Deacon
Bro. George Dickson
Bro. Edgar Eaglestone
Bro. Gordon W. Foote
Bro. Frederick Ford
Bro. Frank E. Freeland
Bro. Edgar C. Goldie
Bro. Ira E. Ham
Bro. Bruce Home
Bro. Clark R. Hooper
Bro. William H. Jones
Bro. William W. Kennedy
Bro. H. D. V. Ketchen
Bro. George F. Lyon
Bro. W. J. Maitland (A)
Bro. Hugh M. Macdonald
Bro. John R. Macdonald
Bro. Dr. C. A. McKenzie
Bro. D. J. M. MacMillan
Bro. R. S. McCormick
Bro. Thomas McDowell
Bro. John A. McEwen
Bro. John R. McLean
Bro. Norman Meadwell
Bro. W. G. Michael
Bro. Charles T. Mitchell
Bro. Charles Moss
Bro. J. D. Moulden
Bro. Robert R. Muir
Bro. Llewellyn Nash
Bro. Harold Newman
Bro. Fred M. O'Meara
Bro. Frederick W. Parrish
Bro. Thomas Price
Bro. William H. Reid
Bro. H. W. Rogers
Bro. Arthur C. Ruttan
Bro. Thomas Sharp
R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith
Bro. Robert J. H. Steen
Bro. Chris. H. Simpson
Bro. John O. Todd
Bro. R. N. Tweddell
Bro. Dr. Walter L. Watt
Bro. Thomas T. Wilson
Bro. David Wilson
Bro. Henry A. Wise
Bro. Fred H. Wray
Bro. Robert Young

LISGAR LODGE, No. 2

Bro. Alfred Attree
Bro. G. H. Bradbury
Bro. Wm. T. Colclough
Bro. Ralph F. E. Forrest
Bro. Bernard O. Fryer
Bro. Walter H. G. Gibbs
Bro. John C. Johnstone
Bro. Stanley B. Kennedy
Bro. Stephen G. Langton
Bro. Richard H. Moody
Bro. Ernest E. McLeod
Bro. John H. Neill
Bro. Norman Ross
Bro. Alexander A. Young
Bro. Robert S. Young (A)
Bro. James G. Warner

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, No. 3

Bro. William K. Anderson
Bro. Herbert T. Angus
Bro. Bernard R. Armitage
M.W. Bro. William G. Bell
Bro. William J. Beaton
Bro. Alfred J. Borrow
W. Bro. T. H. Billman
Bro. David Brown
Bro. Robert B. Boyle
Bro. N. J. Black
Bro. John Barter
Bro. Jonas Bergman
Bro. Frederick T. Cadham
Bro. James Christie
Bro. Gordon F. Cross
Bro. Harry Carman
Bro. John S. Campbell
Bro. T. M. Carson
Bro. Frank E. Emery
Bro. Thomas E. Elliott
Bro. Hugh J. Freeman
Bro. James N. Friday
Bro. Chas. Hanvey
Bro. William J. Hill
Bro. John D. Hodgins
Bro. Charles B. Hancock
Bro. David J. Humphreys
Bro. Albert H. Hand
Bro. William F. Hutton
Bro. Heath Jackson
Bro. Walter Jeans
Bro. Lawrence C. Johnson
Bro. Daniel King
Bro. Alfred Lawson
Bro. Hugh A. Lowery
Bro. John J. Long
Bro. Samuel Larkin
Bro. Thos. Manson
Bro. Robert Miller
Bro. H. J. G. Morgan
Bro. John A. Mount
W. Bro. A. W. Morley
Bro. John B. Mitchell
Bro. Wiliam A. Munroe
Bro. Alexander H. McKay
Bro. F. J. G. McArthur
Bro. Henry McBride
Bro. Duncan McLean
Bro. J. D. McClintock (A)
Bro. Malcolm McLean
Bro. John F. Neil
V.W. Bro. Andrew J. Norquay
Bro. Claude G. A. Pause
Bro. Robert A. Preston
Bro. Samuel J. Patterson
Bro. Henry Ringrose
Bro. Arthur P. Ross
Bro. John C. Samson
Bro. Robert Stevenson
Bro. Charles H. Smith
Bro. Charles M. Scott
R.W. Bro. J. Malcolm Suttie
Bro. George E. Stableford
Bro. David C. Stewart
W. Bro. Chas. S. Shipman (A)
Bro. Robert M. Simpson
Bro. Leonard Urich
Bro. Frank W. Willis
Bro. William D. Watters
Bro. Henry W. Whitla

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 4

Bro. Samuel G. Andrews
Bro. David Armstrong
Bro. Fred P. Austin
Bro. Charles Aldridge
Bro. John D. Andrews
Bro. Lionel D. Bead
Bro. Edward G. Berry
Bro. John Boswell
Bro. Lachlan T. Burwash
Bro. Sam. J. Barley
Bro. Robert S. Burnett
Bro. Gerald E. H. Brickwell
R.W. Bro. J. Thompson Black
Bro. James E. Bryant
Bro. John A. Ball
Bro. John R. Coghill
Bro. John Caldwell (A)
Bro. Wesley Clemis (A)
Bro. Thomas W. E. Carter
Bro. Bertram A. Cousins
Bro. Hubert I. Call
Bro. Lynn R. Cole
Bro. Henry H. Coton
Bro. William T. Davies
Bro. John Davies
Bro. John Denholm
Bro. Hugh E. Firby
Bro. Harold E. Fox
Bro. John Fraser
Bro. William Grant
Bro. Harry E. Grieves
Bro. Alastair C. Gordon
Bro. Donald J. Grant
Bro. Thomas Gibson
Bro. Walter Gate
Bro. John Hay
Bro. Wilfred E. Hobbs
Bro. Henry Hood
Bro. Matthew Hutchison
Bro. George A. Hewett
Bro. George F. Holyoake
Bro. William Hudson
Bro. Skuli Hansson
Bro. William Jones (A)
Bro. Thomas Jenkins
Bro. James Johnstone
Bro. Charles D. Kirk
Bro. David Liddell
Bro. John C. Leitch
Bro. Daniel S. MacKay
Bro. Herb. R. Macdonald
Bro. Harold W. Mackenzie
Bro. James McRoberts
Bro. Daniel McMillan
Bro. James McClure
Bro. Harold I. Morris
Bro. Clyde Montgomery
Bro. Patrick Mullins
Bro. Samuel Murphy
Bro. John J. Moffatt
Bro. Thomas K. Moore
Bro. Thomas A. Noyes
Bro. Ernest Pascoe
Bro. Thomas H. Pendrich
Bro. Alex. Phimister
Bro. Wm. B. Putnam
Bro. George P. Quigley
Bro. William Roberts
Bro. Thomas H. Ross
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STRATHCONA LODGE, No. 117

Bro. James Deeks
Bro. James Sheen

MOUND LODGE, No. 118

Bro. William G. Blackburn
Bro. Robert Clark
Bro. M. L. B. Colquhoun
Bro. Gordon B. Gemmill
Bro. Laurence Gemmill
Bro. Reyburn McIntyre
Bro. James Moir
Bro. John McNaught
Bro. M. McK. MacDonald (A)
Bro. Harry M. Speechly

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 119

Bro. William R. Bailey
Bro. Herbert C. G. Bufton
Bro. Henry R. Berrow
Bro. Charles R. Blackburn
Bro. Charles E. Bowmaker
Bro. John R. Donnelly
Bro. Clifton D. Edgar
Bro. James A. Esplin
Bro. Ernest Johnson
Bro. Herbert M. Marsden
Bro. John J. Murphy
Bro. Duncan McPherson
Bro. George C. McLean
Bro. Christopher C. Rice
Bro. J. Leslie Richards
Bro. Henry G. Simmons

NORWOOD LODGE, No. 119—Continued.

Bro. Chas. M. Greenwood
Bro. August L. Gomieu
Bro. Charles A. Hill
Bro. William J. James
Bro. William H. Sainsbury
Bro. Robert Smith
Bro. Gordon S. Thornton
Bro. Alexander W. Turner
W. Bro. Henry S. R. Warwick (A)

PENZA LODGE, No. 120

Bro. William A. Little
Bro. Charles H. Miller
Bro. Harry E. Smith
Bro. Wm. G. E. Pulleybank

ST. JAMES LODGE, No. 121

Bro. Adam Beck
Bro. John H. Conklin
Bro. Joseph H. Cotter
Bro. Joseph H. Deakin
Bro. Alexander D. Kelly
Bro. Henry E. Knight
Bro. Phillip C. LeNevin
Bro. D. W. Macdonald
Bro. George McCauley
Bro .David McGlashan
Bro. Ernest J. Randle
Bro. Sydney D. Richardson
Bro. F. G. Robertson (A)
Bro. Henry Rushforth
Bro. John A. Short
Bro. Gilbert H. Smith
Bro. Stafford S. Smth (A)
Bro. Alexander R. Stewart
Bro. Charles R. Tribble
Bro. John Watson

ROBLIN LODGE, No. 122

Bro. Angus Hay
Bro. Herbert J. Stevenson

TRANSCONA LODGE, No. 123

Bro. Harold W. Brinston
Bro. Thomas R. Currie
Bro. Alfred H. Duffield
Bro. George Esson
Bro. Charles J. Fuller
Bro. Albert E. Halksworth
Bro. William Jones
Bro. Thomas K. Moore
Bro. William R. Stirling

THE PAS LODGE, No. 124

Bro. Wm. W. Christopherson
Bro. Frederick L. Lloyd
Bro. Oliver H. Lamont
Bro. George A. McLelland
Bro. Robert D. Orok
Bro. Bernard M. Stitt
Bro. Allen Steen

PATRICIA LODGE. No. 125

Bro. Geoffrey V. Van Tausk

DEATHS 104.—LODGES 46

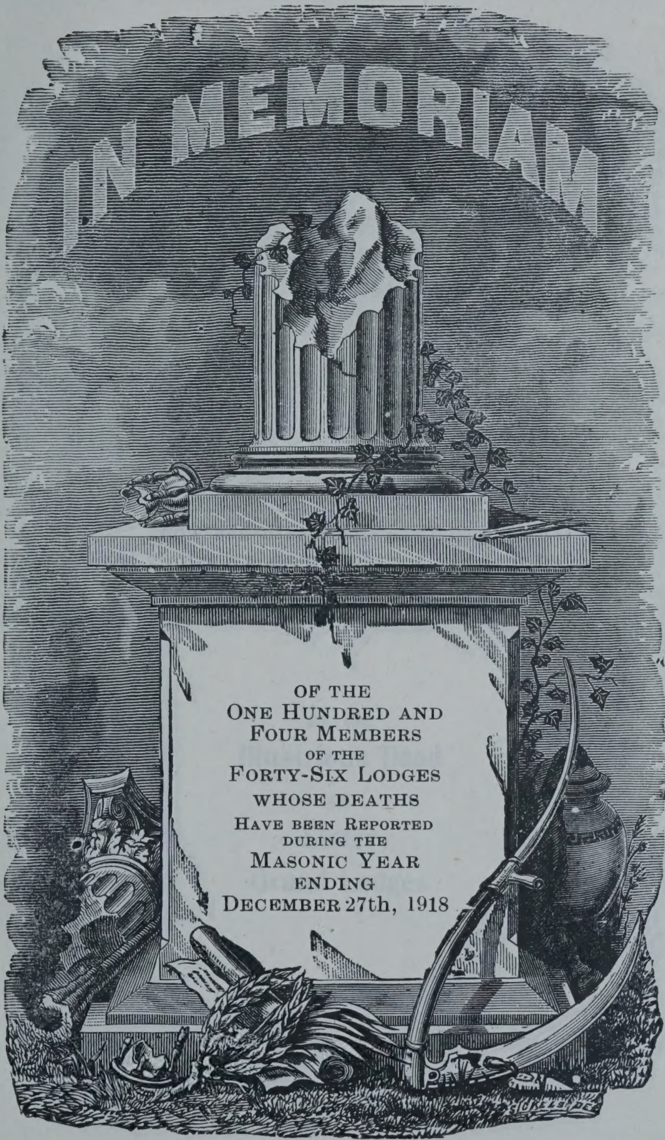
Name.	Date		Lodge	No.
Carruthers, George F...	June	23	Prince Rupert's........	1
Masters, Alfred	January	1	Prince Rupert's........	1
Munson, John H.	February	2	Prince Rupert's........	1
McKechnie, John	May	30	Prince Rupert's........	1
McLaren, Arch.	January	17	Prince Rupert's........	1
Penrose, James	January	17	Prince Rupert's........	1
Perry, Harry L.	April	24	Prince Rupert's........	1
Galbraith, Arnold	November	11	Prince Rupert's........	1
McLean, John B.	August	24	Prince Rupert's........	1
Monkman, Albert	November	5	Prince Rupert's........	1
Newman, Harold A.	November	4	Prince Rupert's........	1
Ruttan, Arthur C.	November	2	Prince Rupert's........	1
Suttie, James	December	19	Prince Rupert's........	1
Epstien, David	November	4	Lisgar	2
Benson, Bjorn S.	November	7	Lisgar	2
Wilson, James A.	February	1	Ancient Landmark..	3
Van Arum, Wm. K.	March	3	Ancient Landmark..	3
Lloyd, George S.	August	7	Ancient Landmark..	3
Angus, Herbert T.			Ancient Landmark..	3
Mills, Willoughby	January	6	St. John's....................	4
Wyatt, Robert	January	14	St. John's....................	4
Montague, J. W.	March	3	St. John's....................	4
Blakeley, F. D.	March	30	St. John's....................	4
Morden, Howard	April	10	St. John's....................	4
Shields, Percy W.			St. John's....................	4
Rudolf, Oscar R.			St. John's....................	4
Leitch, John C.			St. John's....................	4
Morris, Harold I.	October	23	St. John's....................	4
Morris, Robinson	October	30	St. John's....................	4
Young, John P.	July	20	Assiniboine	7
Bowrhis, John	July	28	Assiniboine	7
Hay, Edward H. G.	December	23	Assiniboine	7
McTavish, Robert F. ..	March	17	King Solomon..........	8
Lawrie, Marshall	August	18	King Solomon..........	8
Bowie, Hugh	December	9	Oakland	9

DEATHS.—Continued.

Name.	Date		Lodge	No.
Collins, Allan H.	May	27	Gladstone	11
Newberry, Edward	June	22	Stonewall	12
Smith, John G.	June	4	Stonewall	12
Neale, Frederick W.	November	4	Stonewall	12
McConnell, Hector M.	November	10	Belmont	13
Dewar, William	September	4	Prince of Wales	14
Stone, Robert McN.	July	18	Corinthian	15
Daniels, Edward G.	November	27	Brandon	19
Smith, Raynor	October	22	Brandon	19
Hastings, Robert W.	January	4	Brandon	19
Waddell, John	June	9	Brandon	19
Quinn, Joseph	April	15	Brandon	19
Hazelton, Peter B.	August	19	Neepawa	24
Black, William R.	June	24	Neepawa	24
McDonald Daniel	February	10	Ionic	25
O'Reilly, John A.	June	20	Ionic	25
Moir, Clifford J.	September	20	Ionic	25
Cushman, Russell	October	11	Ionic	25
Stata, Arthur W.	October	11	Ionic	25
Patrick, Thomas V.	May	18	Glenwood	27
Hay, Robert F.			Carberry	29
Michael, Kelly C.	December	5	Carberry	29
Holgate, Charles W.	October	16	Manitou	30
Collie, John	March	20	Doric	36
Bailey, Thomas M.	July	13	Doric	36
Allen, Edward D.	August	7	Doric	36
Wilson, James S.	December	17	Doric	36
Dinsmore, Samuel C.	November	20	Birtle	39
Mitchell, William W.	January	7	Lebanon	43
Joslin, John S.	September	29	Lebanon	43
Simpson, Moses S.	December	25	Lebanon	43
Park, Charles A.	October	26	Lebanon	43
Neill, Robert	March	13	Oak Lake	44
Johnston, Herbert J.	November	4	Temple	49
Palfrey, Alfred J.	September	2	Treherne	51

DEATHS.—Continued.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Black, Robert	February 8	Hartney	52
Ross, John C.	December 27	Oriental	54
Ney, William L.	November 12	Russell	62
Hill, John W.	November 13	Russell	62
Clark, John L.	December 16	Russell	62
Rabe, William	April 26	Composite	64
Walton, George M.	August 12	Composite	64
Bawden, William J.	August 15	Vermilion	68
Sheppard, Joseph H.	December 29	Elkhorn	74
McCaig, Alexander	May 26	Gothic	75
Morton, Louis I.	November 10	Gothic	75
Malcolm, Andrew M.	December 10	Cypress	82
Waldon, William J.	December 24	Hamiota	84
Ryder, William	January 24	Hamiota	84
Ledingham, William	December 29	King Edward	93
Carrothers, James	April 20	King Edward	93
Brough, William F.	April 30	King Edward	93
Ritchie, Robert	October 8	King Edward	93
Harris, Albert E.	July 1	Miniota	102
Evans, James L.	September 1	Miniota	102
Whittaker, George S.	October 10	Reston	104
Barker, Walter C.	October 9	Prince Arthur	105
Payne, Albert	January 14	Union	108
Rodden, Matthew	October 9	Acadia	111
Bourke, Stanley	October 21	Tweed	113
Robertson, J. Ross	May 31	"The Assiniboine"	114
Gould, John B.	October 21	"The Assiniboine"	114
Moore, Joseph E.	June 21	"The Assiniboine"	114
Gage, William E.	December 12	Rivers	115
Chisholm, William B.	December 7	St. Andrews	116
Jennings, William	September 11	St. James	121
King, Robert	November 6	St. James	121
Gregory, Charles H.	November 30	Roblin	122
Barry, Edmond A.	November 28	Patricia	125



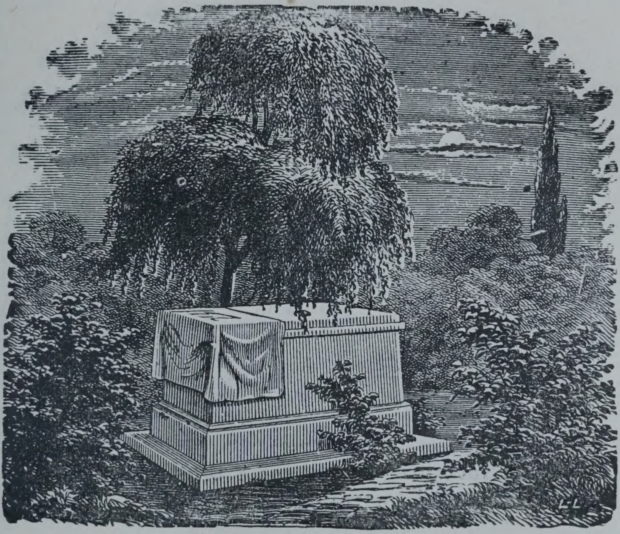
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND
FOUR MEMBERS
OF THE
FORTY-SIX LODGES
WHOSE DEATHS
HAVE BEEN REPORTED
DURING THE
MASONIC YEAR
ENDING
DECEMBER 27th, 1918

"Lord, while our hearts are bleeding
O'er the spoils which Death has won,
Let us at this solemn meeting calmly say,
'Thy will be done.' "

IN MEMORIAM

# of the
Illustrious Dead
of
Sister
Grand Lodges

"Lives of such men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime;
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."



In Memory

OF

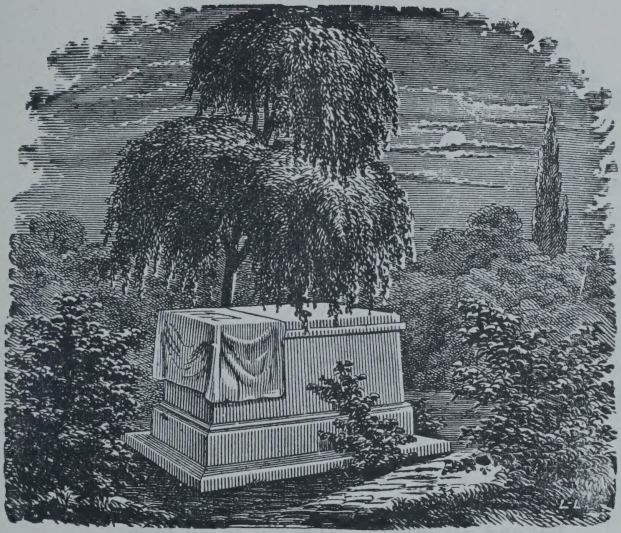
Robert F. McTavish

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DIED

MARCH 17TH, 1918

"Say not Good-bye, but in some brighter clime,
Bid me Good-morning."



In Memory

OF

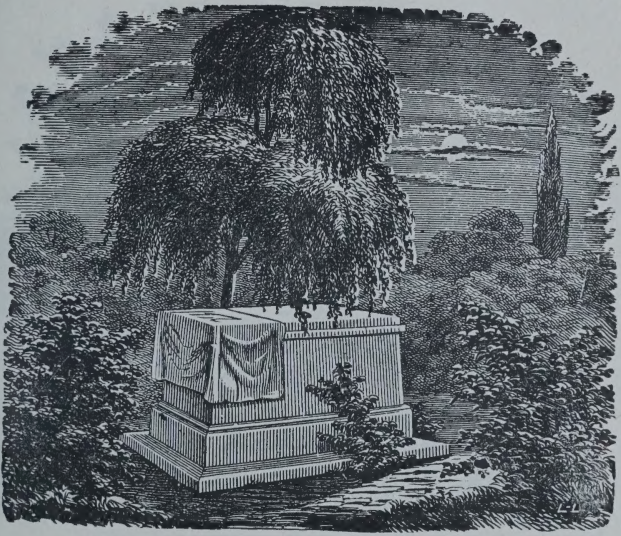
George F. Carruthers

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DIED

JUNE 23RD, 1918

"Naught call I now to mind he said or did
That was not rightly said and justly done,
No idle word he spake, even in free speech
Patient and lordly; generous to bestow
Beyond all givers! scorning to be base;
Yea, even in secret.



In Memory

OF

Marshall Lawrie

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

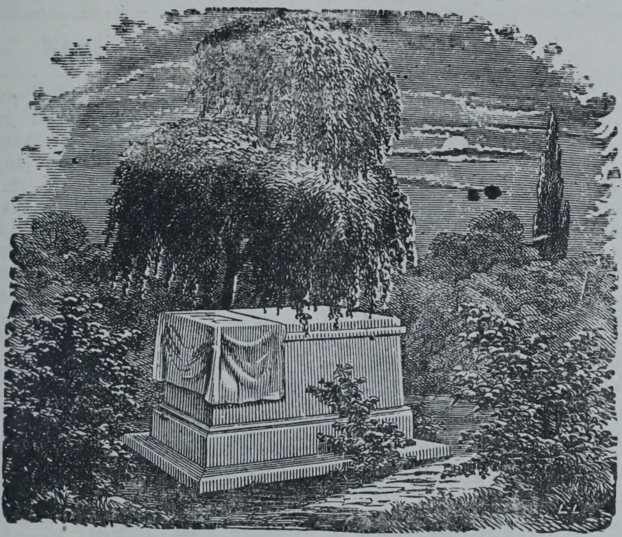
DIED

AUGUST 18TH, 1918

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead—He is just away.

"With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into the unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair it must be
Since he lingers there.

"And you—Oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return—
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here."



In Memory

OF

Samuel C. Dinsmore

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

DIED

NOVEMBER 20TH, 1918

"Unveil thy bosom, faithful tomb,
Take this new treasure to thy trust;
And give these sacred relics room
To slumber in the silent dust.

"Nor pain, nor grief, nor anxious fear
Invade thy bounds; no mortal woes
Can reach the peaceful sleeper here
While angels watch the soft repose."

DIMITTED.

Name.	Date	Lodge	No.
Girvin, John A.	Dec. 17, 1918	Prince Rupert's	1
Perry, Fred L.	Sept. 17, 1918	Prince Rupert's	1
Simpson, Francis	Dec. 17, 1918	Prince Rupert's	1
Wright, Thomas	Dec. 17, 1918	Prince Rupert's	1
Burger, Murray S.	Dec. 16, 1918	Lisgar	2
Roberts, David B.	May 20, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Eagle, Robert M.	Sept 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Anderson, Claude P.	Dec. 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Cumming, Thomas	Dec. 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
McLeod, Alex. J.	Dec. 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Doolittle, Raymond A.	Dec. 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Beachley, Walter	Dec. 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Nellermore, Nels. A.	Dec. 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Haug, Idan J.	Dec. 16, 1918	Ancient Landmark	3
Liddle, James	Feb. 6, 1918	St. John's	4
Call, Herbert I.	June 5, 1918	St. John's	4
Ironside, John W.	June 5, 1918	St. John's	4
Reynolds, John	Nov. 2, 1918	St. John's	4
Hook, Maurice	Dec. 12, 1918	St. John's	4
Anderson, Wm. A. R.	Dec. 4, 1918	St. John's	4
Woodward, Elbert W.	Dec. 4, 1918	St. John's	4
Spence, James M.	Dec. 4, 1918	St. John's	4
Brown, Thomas	March 26, 1918	King Solomon	8
Judd, Harold B.	April 23, 1918	King Solomon	8
Clarke, Thomas B.	Dec. 17, 1918	King Solomon	8
Housberger, Samuel L.	Dec. 17, 1918	King Solomon	8
Murphy, William A.	Jan. 17, 1918	Northern Light	10
Markle, George W.	March 21, 1918	Northern Light	10
McMillan, Benjamin C.	Jan. 17, 1918	Northern Light	10
Newell, Herbert	Jan. 17, 1918	Northern Light	10
Small, Alexander	Jan. 17, 1918	Northern Light	10
Hill, James H.	Sept. 19, 1918	Northern Light	10
Collinson, John C.	July 23, 1918	Stonewall	12
Wright, James C.	Jan. 17, 1918	Belmont	13
Mather, Andrew	Dec. 19, 1918	Belmont	13
Phelps, George M.	May, 16, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Stephens, Milton	May 25, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Fuller, George O. O.	Sept. 19, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
McLean, Fraser A.	April 16, 1918	Corinthian	15
Howden, Alexander	Dec. 17, 1918	Corinthian	15
Gamble, Thomas H.	Feb. 18, 1918	Brandon	19
Stockdale, Thomas	Oct. 8, 1918	Brandon	19
Harrington, Herb. B.	Nov. 23, 1918	Brandon	19
Johnstone, Chris.	Jan. 23, 1918	Neepawa	24
Mortimer, Edwin A.	June 19, 1918	Neepawa	24

DIMITTED.—Continued.

Name.	Date	Lodge	No.
Pitts, Reginald C.	June 19, 1918	Neepawa	24
Baker, Jesse	Oct. 16, 1918	Neepawa	24
Mills, James W.	Jan. 7, 1918	Ionic	25
Johnstone, Simon K.	Jan. 7, 1918	Ionic	25
Bogart, John H.	March 4, 1918	Ionic	25
Macdonald, Saul	March 4, 1918	Ionic	25
Littleproud, Henry S.	April 1, 1918	Ionic	25
Rowntree, Eber H.	Dec. 2, 1918	Ionic	25
Arnett, Jonathan H.	March 22, 1918	Glenwood	27
Marshall, Matthew J.	Jan. 25, 1918	Glenwood	27
Findley, George W.	Feb. 1, 1918	Carberry	29
Butler, John H.	Feb. 1, 1918	Carberry	29
Dunsford, Hartley	Dec. 15, 1918	Carberry	29
Galbraith, John	May 21, 1918	Manitou	30
Innes, Charles	Dec. 27, 1918	Manitou	30
Hill, George C.	Aug. 28, 1918	Doric	36
Thompson, Henry N.	March 25, 1918	Doric	36
Arthur, Ernest C.	Feb. 2, 1918	Deloraine	40
Hughes, John E.	March 27, 1918	Deloraine	40
Lacey, Percy E.	Feb. 20, 1918	Deloraine	40
Mason, John W.	Jan. 23, 1918	Deloraine	40
White, William T.	Jan. 22, 1918	Lebanon	43
Alguire, Louis H.		Oak Lake	44
Briscoe, James	Dec. 16, 1918	Temple	49
Pritchard, David	Feb. 22, 1918	Killarney	50
Anderson, Fredk. M.	May 24, 1918	Treherne	51
Berkett, Charles	Jan. 25, 1918	Treherne	51
Grant, William H.	April 26, 1918	Oriental	54
Moore, Clarence	Sept. 20, 1918	Oriental	54
Wyatt, Robert N.	Dec. 16, 1918	Oriental	54
Price, Alfred	Jan. 24, 1918	East Star	55
Maunders, Arthur R.	Jan. 20, 1918	Holland	63
Moon, Lewis W.	Nov. 13, 1918	Holland	63
Maxwell, Colon J. E.	Nov. 13, 1918	Holland	63
Thompson, Israel M.	June 10, 1918	Vermillion	68
Flavelle, Charles T.	Jan. 4, 1918	Elkhorn	74
Ledingham, Robert B.	Dec. 10, 1918	Elkhorn	74
Loree, William H.	March 28, 1918	Hamiota	84
Graham, Charles	Jan. 21, 1918	Midlothian	90
Gerow, William	April 26, 1918	Midlothian	90
Mathers, Charles L.	Oct. 14, 1918	Midlothian	90
Partridge, John	April 17, 1918	King Edward	93
Brown, Charles	Jan. 16, 1918	King Edward	93
Cruchy, Charles	Jan. 16, 1918	King Edward	93
White, Richard A.	Dec. 18, 1918	King Edward	93

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Name.	Date	Lodge	No.
McQuarrie, Archie M.	Dec. 18, 1918	King Edward	93
Yeo, Thomas A.	Dec. 31, 1918	Hiram	94
Hallam, Thomas	Jan. 22, 1918	Binscarth	101
Lipsett, Austin J.	Jan. 22, 1918	Binscarth	101
Waddell, David	April 25, 1918	Crescent	103
Sumner, George R.	Dec. 13, 1918	Reston	104
Walford, Charles R.	Dec. 13, 1918	Reston	104
Campbell, James D.	Jan. 25, 1918	Reston	104
James, Richard W.	March 22, 1918	Reston	104
Bryce, David H.	Jan. 18, 1918	Strathclair	106
Blanchard, Richard	May 28, 1918	Lansdowne	107
Finch, Parry H.	Feb. 28, 1918	Union	108
Nicholson, Donald	Jan. 22, 1918	Kilwinning	110
Nowall, James G.	March 13, 1918	Acacia	111
Boyd, James	Dec. 11, 1918	Acacia	111
Hinds, Isaac	Dec. 11, 1918	Acacia	111
Chesnut, William A.	May 23, 1918	Ophir	112
Scruton, George R.	Dec. 12, 1918	Ophir	112
Williams, John R.	Dec. 12, 1918	Ophir	112
Harris, James	April 17, 1918	Tweed	113
Borbridge, Sidney H.	Sept. 17, 1918	Tweed	113
Bury, George J.	March 5, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Carmichael, Arthur E.	March 5, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Hogge, William J.	March 5, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Hamblin, William H.	April 2, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Bower, Ernest E.	Dec. 3, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Carey, Raymond M. E.	Dec. 3, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Luke, Charles E.	Dec. 3, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Lawson, Frederick A.	Dec. 3, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
Drummond-Hay, Chas.	June 8, 1918	Strathcona	117
Colley, Arthur T.	Jan. 10, 1918	Norwood	119
Harman, Emmanuel J.	Oct. 16, 1918	Norwood	119
McCordick, George	Nov. 14, 1918	Norwood	119
Masson, Frederick A.	Jan. 1, 1918	St. James	121
Shields, E. Scott	Jan. 1, 1918	St. James	121
Chippendale, Tom	Jan. 9, 1918	St. James	121
Wiseman, Allan	Oct. 9, 1918	St. James	121
Stephen William C.	Feb. 1, 1918	Transcona	123
Knott, Frederick J.	Feb. 1, 1918	Transcona	123

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name.	Date	Lodge	No.
Grisdale, Joseph	Feb. 19, 1918	Lisgar	2
Partington, Arthur S.	Feb. 19, 1918	Lisgar	2
Thornton, William	Feb. 19, 1918	Lisgar	2
White, John	Feb. 19, 1918	Lisgar	2
Towler, Frank	Oct. 15, 1918	Stonewall	12
Gilbert, Frank O.	June 24, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Steele, Andrew M.	June 24, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Thom, John	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Kertcher, Walter T.	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Fanning, Albert R.	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Stewart, Alex. M. S.	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
MacFetridge, Hugh	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Main, Daniel T.	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Campbell, Lorine J.	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Heintz, Frank	May 23, 1918	Prince of Wales	14
Freeland, Charles R.	Nov. 7, 1918	Ionic	25
Logan, William S.	Nov. 7, 1918	Ionic	25
McLellan, Alexander F.	Nov. 7, 1918	Ionic	25
Radford, Herbert	Nov. 7, 1918	Ionic	25
Stead, John B.	Oct. 15, 1918	Lebanon	43
Chambers, William	Oct. 17, 1918	Oak Lake	44
Downey, William H.	May 22, 1918	Holland	63
Frizell, John R.	Nov. 13, 1918	Holland	63
Wright, Fred M.	June 18, 1918	Crystal	71
Newton, Louis V.	June 18, 1918	Crystal	71
Stewart, Hugh	Jan. 21, 1918	Elkhorn	74
Black, William	Jan. 21, 1918	Elkhorn	74
Dixon, William J.	Jan. 21, 1918	Elkhorn	74
Doak, William	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
Cameron, Duncan	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
Prentice, Aaron A.	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
Muscovitz, Isaac	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
Green, James T.	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
MacGowan, James T.	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
McGregor, Redm'nd E.	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
Wyness, Gordon A.	May 18, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
McMullen, William J.	May 10, 1918	Robbie Burns	100
King, William H.	April 16, 1918	Tweed	113
Lacroix, Ephrem	Feb. 14, 1918	Norwood	119
Larson, Andrew A.	Feb. 14, 1918	Norwood	119
Waller, Arthur C.	Feb. 14, 1918	Norwood	119
DeFaye, George	Dec. 12, 1918	Norwood	119
Heron, James R.	Dec. 12, 1918	Norwood	119
Macdonald, Oswald G.	Dec. 12, 1918	Norwood	119
Helfman, Nathan B.	Oct. 14, 1918	Roblin	122
Ralston, William A.	Oct. 14, 1918	Roblin	122

REINSTATED AFTER SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Gerhardt, Harry W.	Dec. 17, 1918	Prince Rupert's	1
Witham, Walter J.	May 26, 1918	Lisgar	2
Ballard, Archibald A.	Feb. 19, 1918	King Solomon	8
Mather, Andrew	June 19, 1918	Belmont	13
Tyndall, Thomas	Dec. 19, 1918	Neepawa	24
Baker, Jesse	Oct. 16, 1918	Neepawa	24
Kerr, John	April 26, 1918	Glenwood	27
Carr, Charles A.	Feb. 25, 1918	Temple	49
McIntyre, Russell G.	Dec. 17, 1918	Crystal	71
Baskier, Joseph S.	April 1, 1918	Napinka	77
Mather, Charles L.	Oct. 14, 1918	Midlothian	90
McClean, Arthur B.	Feb. 20, 1918	King Edward	93
McCord, George	May 15, 1918	King Edward	93
McQuarrie, A. McL.	Dec. 18, 1918	King Edward	93
Wright, Arthur R. M.	Dec. 18, 1918	King Edward	93
Bryce, David H.	June 18, 1918	Strathclair	106
Argue, William P.	May 8, 1918	Acacia	111
Sutherland, John H.	March 13, 1918	Acacia	111
Denny, James	March 19, 1918	Tweed	113
Macdonald, Arch. D.	Feb. 5, 1918	"The Assiniboine"	114
McNamara, Arthur	Feb. 22,1918	Rivers	115
Colley, Arthur T.	Jan. 10, 1918	Norwood	119
Chippendale, Tom	Jan. 9, 1918	St. James	121

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1875	*Rev. W. C. Clarke	*Hon. W, N. Kennedy	†Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*John H. Bell	*H. T. Champion	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	†Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	†Jas. Henderson	Jno. W. Harris		‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1879	Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson	Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	R. McCuaig	‡J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	James Munroe	†Rev. James Flett
1880	*John H. Bell		*Hon. G. Mc Micken	†J. M. McGregor	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1881	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	C. F. Forrest	‡J. J. Johnston	†Jas. Henderson	†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	Wm. G. Scott	†Alfred Pearson	C. F. Forrest	‡J. J. Johnston		†D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	R. McCuaig	†John Smith	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	†N. J. Lindsay	‡J. J. Johnston	Wm. G. Scott	†Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	C. F. Forrest	†Alfred Pearson	P. McGregor	†Thos. Collins	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	†Alfred Pearson	Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	†J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara

1887	*Thomas Clark	†John A. Kerr	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	†Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	†Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	†Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	James A. Payne	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	James A. Ovas	Wm. G. Bell	†Thos. McPherson	Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	†R. W. Woodroofe.	Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Richd. D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	James G. Dagg	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	†D. J. Goggin	†F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	Wm. A. Windatt	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	†D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thomas Tweed	Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	Charles N. Bell	Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	†Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1895	Charles N. Bell	Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	†Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	Fred L. Newman	†T. F. English	*John McKechnie.	Wm, G. Scott	C. N. Mitchell	Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	†Geo. B. Murphy	Rev. Wm. J. Garton	†Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	†J. O. Smith	Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	†Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	†Edgar W. Rugg	†Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	R. S. Thornton	W. A. Windatt	†S. B. Jameson	*John McKechnie.	Wm. G. Scott	†J. A. Sutherland	†Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	R. S. Thornton	Rev. Wm. J. Garton.	Wm. Fenwick	R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	R. S. Thornton	R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm.	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas	James M. Suttie	Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	R. Hill Myers	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas	†Geo. H. Webster	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	†E. A. Braithwaite	Rev. A. Chisholm	Wm. G. Scott	†H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas	R. P. Crookshank	†Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	Rev. A. Chisholm	Wm. G. Scott	†H. H. Campkin	James Scroggie	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas	†O. E. S. Whiteside	†Rev. John Wells
1905	William G. Scott	†H. H. Campkin	James Scroggie	Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie.	James A. Ovas	John R. Grant	†Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA, ELECTED AT ITS FOUNDATION ON THE 12TH OF MAY, 1875, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER—CONTINUED

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Grand Senior Wardens	Grand Junior Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1906	*John McKechnie.	James Scroggie ...	Henry J. Pugh	James D. Baine...	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	†Arthur H. Smith.	†Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	James Scroggie....	Henry J. Pugh.....	James D. Baine ...	John Wemyss.....	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*Robert Magness..	†Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	Henry J. Pugh	James D. Baine....	John Wemyss.....	William Chambers	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	A. N. Macpherson.	Rev. Thos. Neville
1909	James D. Baine ...	*Geo. W. Baker ...	John Wemyss.....	William Chambers	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*Joseph Greenfield	Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker ...	John Wemyss.. ...	Wm. Chambers....	Ed. M. Walker....	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*Jas. E. Maynard..	Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	John Wemyss.....	William Chambers	Ed. M. Walker....	Lynds S. Vaughan	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	*R. W. A. Rolph...	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	William Chambers	Ed. M. Walker....	Lynds S. Vaughan	Henry E. Bletcher	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	John Colwell	Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	Ed. M. Walker....	Lynds S. Vaughan	Hy. E. Bletcher ...	Percy E. Kellett...	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	Robert L. Ross....	Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	Lynds S. Vaughan	William Fenwick .	Hy. E. Bletcher...	Percy E. Kellett...	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	J. M. Robinson ...	Rev. Peter E. Scott
1915	William Fenwick..	Hy. E. Bletcher ...	Percy E. Kellett...	Ed. T. Greenway..	T. Harry Webb ...	James A. Ovas ..	John Macwhirter..	Rev. Thos. G. Bethel
1916	Hy. E. Bletcher ...	Percy E. Kellett...	Ed. T. Greenway..	Alex. McIntyre....	James G. Dagg....	James A. Ovas ..	Chas. F. Hasselfield	Rev. James S. Miller
1917	Percy E. Kellett...	Ed. T. Greenway..	Alex. McIntyre ...	A. J. Hatcher	James G. Dagg ...	James A. Ovas ..	John J. Jackson...	Rev. Thos G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway..	Alex. McIntyre ...	A. J. Hatcher	Geo. N. Jackson ..	James G. Dagg....	James A. Ovas..	....	Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	Alex McIntyre . . .	A. J. Hatcher	Geo. N. Jackson ..	Rev. A. B. Baird‡..	Wm. J. Major	James A. Ovas ..	....	Rev. James W. Anderson

* Dead　　† Removed from Jurisdiction　　‡ Withdrawn from Masonry

LODGE DIRECTORY
AND
STATISTICAL TABLES

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 27TH DEC. 1918

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Dead	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Membership Dec. 27, 1917	Membership Dec. 27, 1918
1	Prince Rupert's	19	26	20	15	1	13	4			502	520
2	Lisgar	7	8	8	1	1	2	1	4		114	116
3	Ancient Landmark	11	10	8	1		4	9			482	481
4	St. John's	24	26	26	25		10	8			541	572
6	Emerson	5	5	4							65	70
7	Assiniboine	7	9	8			3				178	182
8	King Solomon	1	3	1		1	2	4			78	74
9	Oakland				3		1				75	77
10	Northern Light	11	9	6	8			6			284	297
11	Gladstone	6	12	6	2		1				67	74
12	Stonewall	4	4	3			3	1	1		98	97
13	Belmont	2	1		2	1	1	2			62	64
14	Prince of Wales	10	12	11		1	1	3	10		97	94
15	Corinthian	2	1	1			1	2			49	48
19	Brandon	10	8	6	1		5	3			220	223
24	Neepawa	5	4	7		2	2	4			125	126
25	Ionic	23	8	8	10		5	6	4		376	394
27	Glenwood	5	5	5		1	1	2			102	105
29	Carberry	3	3	3			2	3			75	73
30	Manitou						1	2			56	53
36	Doric	12	11	9	3		4	2			106	115
39	Birtle	1	1	3	1		1				54	55
40	Deloraine	5	5	5				4			94	95

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, 27TH DEC., 1918—CONTINUED.

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Joined	Restored	Dead	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended U. M. C.	Membership Dec. 27, 1917	Membership Dec. 27, 1918
43	Lebanon	4	3	2	2		4	1	1		91	91
44	Oak Lake				1		1	1	1		51	49
48	Glenboro	1	2	1							35	36
49	Temple	6	3	3		1	1	1			56	61
50	Killarney	4	4	5	3			1			70	76
51	Treherne	5	4	4	3		1	2			56	61
52	Hartney	8	7	4			1				65	72
54	Oriental	2	3	2	1		1	3			61	60
55	East Star	1	1	2	1			1			43	44
62	Russell	5	4	4			3				70	72
63	Holland	3	2	2				3	2		80	78
64	Composite	5	4	4			2				58	61
67	Wawanesa										43	43
68	Vermillion	15	14	10			1	1			185	198
70	Shiloh	2	1	1							47	49
71	Crystal	1				1			2		50	50
74	Elkhorn			1			1	2	3		86	80
75	Gothic	5	5	4			2				39	42
77	Napinka	5	9	8		1					36	42
82	Cypress						1				33	32
84	Hamiota	1	1		1		2	1			65	64
86	Elgin	2									55	57
87	Rathwell										33	33
90	Midlothian	1	4	3	1	1		3			87	87

92	Shoal Lake	7	4	4							62	69
93	King Edward	11	11	12	1	4	4	5			299	306
94	Hiram	1	1	1				1			46	46
99	Lauder	1									29	30
100	Robbie Burns	3	3	3					9		34	28
101	Binscarth	3	2	3				2			56	57
102	Miniota	8	5	4	2		2				35	43
103	Crescent	3	1	1				1			42	44
104	Reston	2	2	2	1		1	4			89	87
105	Prince Arthur	5	3	1	1		1				60	65
106	Strathclair	4	4	3	1	1		1			46	51
107	Lansdowne	2	2	2				1			37	38
108	Union	2	1	1			1	1			47	47
109	Swan Lake										32	32
110	Kilwinning	1	1	1	1			1			47	48
111	Acacia	12	11	8		2	1	3			146	156
112	Ophir	3	3	2				3			36	36
113	Tweed	7	7	8	3	1	1	2	1		137	144
114	"The Assiniboine"	20	16	15	2	1	4	8			329	340
115	Rivers	1	1	1	2	1	1				54	57
116	St. Andrews	3	3	2			1				28	30
117	Strathcona	2	2	2				1			39	40
118	Mound		1	1							55	55
119	Norwood	9	9	9		1		3	6		125	126
120	Penza	1	4	4							42	43
121	St. James	11	14	16	6	1	2	4			87	99
122	Robin	5	4	4	2		1		2		30	34
123	Transcona	2	6	6	3			2			70	73
124	The Pas	4	4	3	1						23	28
125	Patricia	7	9	8			1				25	31
126	Favel	4	3	6							18	22
U.D.	Empire	5	2	2	28							33
		398	371	343	139	24	105	129	46		7600	7881

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P. O. Address	W. Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg	McGillivray, Archd.	Hodgins, Eli	Third Tuesday in each month
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	Gifford, Charles	Kennedy, S. B.	Third Tuesday in each month
3	AncientLandmark	Winnipeg	Hunt, Edward G.	Syme, George	Third Monday in each month
4	St. John's	Winnipeg	Lorimer, James	Douglas, William	First Wednesday in each month
6	Emerson	Emerson	Whitman, Harold G.	Masterton, Robt. G.	Thursday on or before full moon
7	Assiniboine	Portage la Prairie	Middlemass, Thos. D.	Craw, John Y.	Third Monday in each month
8	King Solomon	Morris	Clubb, James	Stevenson, Walter N.	Tuesday on or before full moon
9	Oakland	Carman	Daynard, William B.	Malcolmson, Albt. H.	Tuesday on or before full moon
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg	Stewart, Duncan D.	McWhirter, John	Third Thursday in each month
11	Gladstone	Gladstone	Taylor, Serono M.	Egan, Thomas	Monday on or before full moon
12	Stonewall	Stonewall	Stratton, Ira	Riley, John M.	Tuesday on or before full moon
13	Belmont	Morden	Bradley, Roy	Conner, William	Third Thursday in each month
14	Prince of Wales	Minnedosa	Brown, William G.	Inman, Henry	Thursday on or before full moon
15	Corinthian	Rapid City	Soldan, Conrad	Swann, Frederick W.	Tuesday on or before full moon
19	Brandon	Brandon	Marshall, Colin S.	Adolph, Henry L.	Second Tuesday in each month
24	Neepawa	Neepawa	Pollock, William J.	Leach Fred	Wednesday on or before full moon
25	Ionic	Winnipeg	Mann, Daniel	Cobban, Mitchell	First Monday in each month
27	Glenwood	Souris	McDowell, James A.	McCulloch, Rich. J.	Friday on or before full moon
29	Carberry	Carberry	Hughes, Richard M.	Garland, William P.	Tuesday on or before full moon
30	Manitou	Manitou	Bradley Thomas	Burke, Henry	Tuesday on or before full moon
36	Doric	Boissevain	Wood, Christopher R.	Gibson, John H.	Fourth Tuesday in each month
39	Birtle	Birtle	Armit, John J. L.	Barber, Frederick C.	Monday on or before full moon
40	Deloraine	Deloraine	Rankin, John McG.	Hainsworth, Arth. T.	Wednesday on or before full moon
43	Lebanon	Virden	Ross, Adam E.	More, Andrew	Tuesday on or before full moon
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake	Somerset, Charles E.	Hatter, William J.	Thursday on or before full moon
48	Glenboro	Glenboro	Turnbull, Wm. T. H.	Hames, Albert S.	Second Monday in each month
49	Temple	MacGregor	Tretheway, Henry T.	MacKinnon, Mal. E.	Monday on or before full moon
50	Killarney	Killarney	Laird, David	Schnarr, William J.	Friday on or before full moon
51	Treherne	Treherne	Henders, William	Coulter, John	Friday on or before full moon
52	Hartney	Hartney	Scharff, John R.	Smith, Robert McL.	Tuesday on or before full moon
54	Oriental	Melita	Smith, Charles H. L.	Menary, Thomas S.	Friday on or before full moon
55	East Star	Gretna	Argue, Thomas A.	Coblentz, Godfrey	Wednesday on or before full moon
62	Russell	Russell	Swallow, Gordon E.	McDonagh, George S.	Wednesday on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland	Carnegie, Donald G.	Dagg, Francis H.	Wednesday on or before full moon
64	Composite	Alexander	Blair, Austin B.	Forman, W. J.	Thursday on or before full moon

67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa	Martin, Herbert C.	Kerr, Charles D.	Monday on or before full moon
68	Vermilion	Dauphin	Buchanan, Wm. R.	Pilgrim, Henry A.	First Tuesday in each month
70	Shiloh	Roland	McKenzie, Robert	Argue Andrew S.	Thursday on or before full moon
71	Crystal	Crystal City	McLennan, Alex. C.	Mutch, Urquhart F.	Tuesday on or before full moon
74	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Webster, Charles G.	Jones, Herbert J.	Monday on or before full moon
75	Gothic	Austin	Campbell, Lorne D.	Hubble, Harold E.	Tuesday on or before full moon
77	Napinka	Napinka	DeWitt Hiram S.	Lee, David N.	Thursday on or before full moon
82	Cypress	Cypress River	Thomas, George	Burgess, D. H.	Thursday on or before full moon
84	Hamiota	Hamiota	Fraser, James F.	Neelands, James A.	Tuesday on or after full moon
86	Elgin	Elgin	Argue, James O.	Burnett, John S.	Tuesday on or before full moon
87	Rathwell	Rathwell	Mott, William A.	Hutchinson, Chas. E.	Tuesday on or after full moon
90	Midlothian	Miami	Kerr, Alexander C.	Haines, Robert	Monday on or before full moon
92	Shoal Lake	Shoal Lake	Stalker, John R.	Thornbeck, Albert R.	Friday on or before full moon
93	King Edward	Winnipeg	McPherson, Wm. H.	Laidlaw, John W.	Third Wednesday in each month
94	Hiram	Grandview	Dingwall, James	Dickie, William	Thursday on or before full moon
99	Lauder	Binscarth	Cram, Willard W.	McRorie J,ames A.	Monday on or before full moon
100	Robbie Burns	Gilbert Plains	Snyder, Morley D.	McArthur, Gordon V.	Second Friday i neach month
101	Binscarth	Lauder	Jollye, Alfred W.	Shaw, G. Murray	Tuesday on or before full moon
102	Miniota	Miniota	Mitchell, John R. W.	Peel, Robert	Wednesday on or after full moon
103	Crescent	Elm Creek	Chard, Albert	Shaw, Charles A.	Wednesday on or before full moon
104	Reston	Reston	Mervin, Gilbert E.	Manning, Arthur J.	Friday on or before full moon
105	Prince Arthur	Swan River	Cotton, John N.	Reed Albert E.	First Friday in each month
106	Strathclair	Strathclair	Hunter, William A.	Hodgins, Bolton	Tuesday on or before full moon
107	Lansdowne	Griswold	McDonald, James	McCaw, Robert E.	Wednesday on or before full moon
108	Union	Brookdale	Bradley, George R.	Curtis, Alfred L.	Thursday on or after full moon
109	Swan Lake	Somerset	Goodwin, E. S.	Hambley, C. W.	Tuesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning	Minto	McMillan, Archie J.	Chesnut, William A.	Tuesday on or before full moon
111	Acacia	Winnipeg	Thompson Chas. H.	Dewar, William	Second Wednesday in each month
112	Ophir	Beausejour	McDougall, Donald	Watson, John	Thursday on or before full moon
113	Tweed	Brandon	Taylor, David H.	Fenwick, William	Third Tuesday in each month
114	"The Assiniboine"	Winnipeg	Ferguson, Alex. K.	Fulton, Peter H.	First Tuesday in each month
115	Rivers	Rivers	Weigand, Lorenz	Payne, Clifford H.	Last Friday in each month
116	St. Andrew's	Wellwood	Wells, John J.	Caldwell, Joseph H.	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona	Belmont	Campbell, Grant	Marsh, Winfred E.	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound	Pilot Mound	King, William	Mayne, William O.	Wednesday on or before full moon
119	Norwood	St. Boniface	Macdonald, N. J.	McDonald, Norman	Second Thursday in each month
120	Penza	Dominion City	Scholte, Valentine	Lawson, Henry	Wednesday on or before full moon
121	St. James	St. James	Walmsley, John P.	Ross, Earl A. K.	Second Wednesday in each month
122	Roblin	Roblin	Bowley, Herbert J.	Mitchell, Irwin L.	Monday on or before full moon
123	Transcona	Transcona	Hawkins, Cecil E.	Turner, Frederick G.	First Friday in each month
124	The Pas	The Pas	Hunter, David	Jacobson, John P.	First Thursday in each month
125	Patricia	Sperling	Smith John H.	Hobbs, Arthur T.	Wednesday on or before full moon
126	Favel	Minitonas	Reid, David	Hunter, Robert F.	Second Tuesday in each month
U.D.	Empire	Winnipeg	Smith, William R.	Thompson, Ernest	Second Monday in each month.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME	MEETINGS HELD.			Aver. Atten. of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.
		Regular	Emerg't	Total				
1	Prince Rupert's	9	10	19	76	40	$1,055.00	$ 632.55
2	Lisgar	12	6	18	20	4	12.00	80.00
3	Ancient Landmark	7	6	18	20	4	12.00	80.00
4	St. John's	10	16	26	140	5	196.00	864.97
10	Northern Light	7	4	11	75	35	678.50	343.85
25	Ionic	9	8	17	78	34	1,108.55	524.16
93	King Edward	7	5	12	75	80	822.50	663.50
111	Acacia	9	5	14	35	39	256.00	132.50
114	"The Assiniboine"	8	8	16	41	1	5.00	----
119	Norwood	9	5	14	34	22	176.00	136.00
121	St. James	9	6	15	31	14	83.50	206.51
123	Transcona	10	5	15	20	----	----	----
U.D.	Empire	7	0	7	30	----	----	----

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC

7	Assiniboine	9	3	12	30	100	$ 839.00	----
11	Gladstone	10	1	11	20	12	294.18	----
24	Neepawa	13	1	14	23	14	385.00	62.50
29	Carberry	7	3	10	10	40	400.00	----
49	Temple	8	1	9	12	17	128.00	----
75	Gothic	8	1	9	12	9	58.40	----
108	Union	7	1	8	11	18	146.70	----
116	St. Andrew's	7	1	8	12	5	40.00	13.00

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC

48	Glenboro	6	2	8	12	10	$ 58.00	$ 184.00
51	Treherne	12	4	16	19½	1	20.00	571.00
63	Holland	10	1	11	18	2	20.00	10.00
82	Cypress	10	0	10	14	4	20.00	----
87	Rathwell	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
103	Crescent	10	----	10	92	12	95.50	110.00

DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

Cash on Hand.	Liabilities.	Total Assets Over Liabilities.	Insurance in Force.	Condition of Lodge.	Official Visits by D.D.G.M's	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W.M. Confer Degrees	Date When June Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.	Date When Dec. Returns Were Sent to Grand Sec'y.
$7,029.45	$ 368.75	$7,695.70	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 13, '18	Jan. 31, '19
233.24	....	500.00	250.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jan. 23, '19	May 21, '19
845.65	....	3,892.20	350.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Oct. 15, '18	Mar. 17, '19
1,995.18	1,000.00	14 792.73	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 13, '18	Jan. 6, '19
505.98	....	6,433.68	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 13, '18	Jan. 31, '19
15.00	177.95	11,518.61	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '18	Jan. 18, '19
735.66	501.00	14,051.90	300.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 9, '18	Jan. 6, '19
640.05	291.50	3,096.05	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 31, '18	Jan. 31, '19
1,099.22	....	5,471.01	....	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 10, '18	Jan. 10, '19
28.05	246.75	2,021.30	300.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '18	Jan. 2, '19
497.80	1,267.90	997.40	150.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 28, '18	Jan. 7, '19
255.56	....	....	350.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 21, '18	Mar. 1, '19
292.65	197.18	95.47	350.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 13, '18	Jan. 12, '19

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$ 50.00	....	$7,000.00	$ 300.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Apr. 12 '19	Apr. 12, '19
63.15	165.00	458.00	300.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Dec. 28, '19	Feb. 11, '19
458.22	....	2,384.37	800.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 26, '18	Feb. 4, '19
....	400.00	2,500.00	1,350.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 1, '18	Jan. 29, '19
63.75	750.00	2,500.00	1,450.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 17, '18	Feb. 1, '19
296.79	....	1,496.79	600.00	Active	0	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 4, '18	Jan. 5, '19
....	....	1,000.00	600.00	Active	0	Own	Good	Yes	Sep. 7, '18	May 30, '19
100.00	....	100.00	....	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 25, '18	Jan. 5, '19

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$ 71.68	....	$ 279.68	$ 150.00	Active	2	Rent	Fair	Yes	Aug. 15, '18	Apr. 28, '19
175.00	190.00	747.20	300.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 17, '18	Feb. 15, '19
189.56	....	425.00	100.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 16, '18	Jan. 4, '19
317.32	....	317.32	300.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	No	Jun. 26, '18	Jul. 4, '19
....	....	....	....		--				Jul. 4, '19	Jul. 4, '19
490.51	....	490.51	100.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 29, '18	Jan. 27, '19

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME	MEETINGS HELD. Regular	Emerg't	Total	Aver. Atten of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.
13	Belmont	12	0	12	15	16	$ 133.00	
30	Manitou	1	2	3	14	22	184.00	
36	Doric	10	2	12	20	25	208.15	
40	Deloraine	11	1	12	25	30	240.00	
50	Killarney	11	0	11	20	33	508.95	
71	Crystal	11	0	11	14	13	118.00	
118	Mound	6	0	6	14	12	64.00	

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC

14	Prince of Wales	12	5	17	20	7	$ 27.00	
15	Corinthian	8	0	8	12	24	428.50	
39	Birtle	10	0	10	15	25	303.05	
62	Russell	13	0	13	19	24	287.00	314.50
84	Hamiota	7	0	7	14	4	30.00	194.00
92	Shoal Lake	9	1	10	16	10	330.00	
101	Binscarth	12	0	12	18	11	133.00	128.00
102	Miniota	10	2	12	14	10	60.00	10.00
106	Strathclair	10	2	12	14	6	105.00	450.00
115	Rivers	8	1	9	12	9	145.00	

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC

27	Glenwood	7	1	8	20	16	$ 120.00	$ 30.00
52	Hartney	12	2	14	27	27	199.00	20.00
54	Oriental	8	3	11	11	15	241.30	270.00
77	Napinka	6	0	6	12	4	150.00	
86	Elgin	9	1	10	15	....	110.00	
99	Lauder	9	1	10	12	17	121.60	
104	Reston	10	1	11	17	....	516.00	47.00
110	Kilwinning	6	0	6	15	6	6.00	

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$ 65.00		$ 500.00	$ 200.00	Fair	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 5, '18	Jan. 7, '19
275.68		1,275.68		Dorm't	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 4, '18	Jan. 11 '19
545.68	256.30	3,807.54		Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jan. 27, '19	Jan. 27, '19
65.00		2 396.00	125.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 29, '18	Dec. 31, '18
				Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 6, '18	Apr. 9, '19
148.60		524.60		Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 12, '18	Jan. 20, '19
245.00		345.00	100.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 21, '18	May 1, '19

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$ 126.50	$2,200.00	$4,500.00	$3,450.00	Active	1	Own	Good	No	Jul. 5 '18	Apr. 12, '19
117.68	112.80	640.11	1,800.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 1, '18	Jan. 18, '19
471.90		2,231.80	800.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Apr. 16, '19	Apr. 16, '19
769.66		1,113.16		Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 11, '19	Jan. 31, '19
644.68		412.75	300.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 12, '18	Apr. 16, '19
106.50			500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 30, '18	Apr. 22, '19
197.11			1,100.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 23, '18	Feb. 20, '19
214.19			75.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 28, '18	Jan. 7, '19
61.54		2,100.00	700.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 10, '18	Jan. 31, '19
220.09		320.09	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 27, '18	Feb. 10, '19

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$ 315.98	$ 136.67	$ 179.31	$1,500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '18	Jan. 7, '19
391.05	48.00	1,292.05	500.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Sept. 1, '18	Jan. 10, '19
239.84	103.00	1,584.39	800.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Sep. 20, '18	Jan. 11, '19
95.00		395.00	85.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 1, '18	Jan. 3, '19
591.80		701.80		Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 29, '18	Feb. 11, '19
14.90		184.00		Active	2	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 24, '18	Jun. 16 '19
72.26	14.15	2,758.76	500.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 17, '18	Feb. 15, '19
141.20		141.20	400.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Feb. 13, '19	Feb. 3, '19

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC

No. of Lodge	NAME	MEETINGS HELD			Aver. Atten of Members	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of All Arrearages.	Paid for Relief.
		Regular	Emerg't	Total				
19	Brandon	8	15	23	32	57	$ 819.00	$ 60.00
43	Lebanon	10	2	12	18	5	25.00	....
44	Oak Lake	9	3	12	17	15	107.50	150.00
64	Composite	8	6	14	17	5	25.00	127.70
74	Elkhorn	10	1	11	15	23	150.75	....
107	Lansdowne	6	1	7	12	6	50.00	....
113	Tweed	7	6	13	26	7	224.00	54.50

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC

9	Oakland	4	....	4	15	4	$ 225.00	$ 25.00
67	Wawanesa	3	....	3	8	37	350.00	....
70	Shiloh	6	....	6	12	15	210.00	450.00
90	Midlothian	9	3	12	20	44	280.00	....
109	Swan Lake	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
117	Strathcona	7	....	7	15	6	96.00	212.00
125	Patricia	12	4	16	20	0	....	190.00

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC

68	Vermillion	9	1	10	20	32	$1,157.75	....
94	Hiram	10	0	10	11	19	169.20	....
100	Robbie Burns	5	2	7	7	18	108.00	....
105	Prince Arthur	8	4	12	12	17	159.00	100.00
122	Roblin	11	6	17	18	4	92.00	....
124	The Pas	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
126	Favel	10	2	12	14	....	....	....

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC

6	Emerson	9	2	11	15	20	$ 150.00	....
8	King Solomon	12	2	14	8	21	127.00	192.00
12	Stonewall	11	5	16	25	10	110.00	100.00
55	East Star	8	0	8	13	7	70.00	....
112	Ophir	8	4	12	11	7	61.00	158.00
120	Penza	10	0	10	12	5	60.00	....

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$2,553.03	$ 142.00	$5,006.53	$1,000.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Aug. 21. '18	Jan. 15, '19
630.00	....	630.00	250.00	Active	0	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 11, '18	Jan. 23, '19
10.57	212.85	7.72	1,250.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 6, '18	Jan. 10, '19
126.01	....	126.01	150.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 5, '18	Jan. 17, '19
27.15	3 245.00	2,547.90	3,700.00	Dorm't	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jul. 8 '18	Jan. 20, '19
216.94	....	216.94	300.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jun. 26, '18	Mar. 8, '19
492.61	75.00	1,700.00	100.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 29, '18	Jan. 15, '19

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$ 219.81	....	$ 444.81	$ 400.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 9, '18	Feb. 19, '19
103.34	....	453.34	250.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Aug. 20, '18	Jan. 21, '19
152.50	36.00	....	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Sep. 21, '18	May 14, '19
315.00	....	315.00	200.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24. '18	Feb. 12, '19
....	....	....	....		..					
11.03	....	....	350.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 3, '18	Mar. 27, '19
55.59	....	110.00	....	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 24, '18	Dec. 29, '18

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$ 966.72	....	$2,124.47	$1,000.00	Active	0	Rent	Good	Yes	Nov. 30, '18	Jan. 30, '19
408.93	53.00	523.13	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 30, '18	Mar. 1, '19
223.55	50.00	173.55	100.00	Dorm't	1	Rent	Poor	Yes	Jul. 9, '18	Feb. 20, '19
245.77	80.80	1,045.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	No	Sep. 9, '18	Jun. 9, '19
74.69	120.00	....	150.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jan. 9, '19	May 15 '19
....	....	....	....		..				Sep. 16, '18	Jul. 8, '19
53.25	....	425.00	250.00	Active	2	Own	Good	Yes	Jan. 5, '19	Jan. 5, '19

DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1918.

$ 274.24	....	$2,624.24	$1,750.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Aug. 23, '18	Apr. 22, '19
212.38	....	912.38	....	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 26, '18	Dec. 31, '18
273.61	....	2,500.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Own	Good	Yes	Jun. 25, '18	Dec. 31, '18
93.56	55.00	509.51	400.00	Active	1	Rent	Fair	Yes	Jul. 10, '18	Jan. 15, '19
111.14	34.50	681.14	225.00	Active	2	Rent	Good	Yes	Jun. 25 '18	Jan. 13, '19
151.21	....	480.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent	Good	Yes	Jul. 26, '18	Jan. 11, '19

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alberta	S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
British Columbia	W. A. DeWolf-Smith	New Westminster
Canada (in Ontario)	W. M. Logan	Hamilton
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Halifax
Prince Edward Island	E. T. Carbonell	Charlottetown
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Saskatchewan	W. B. Tate	Regina

GREAT BRITAIN

England	P. Colville Smith	London
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D.G.S.	Dublin
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh

UNITED STATES

Alabama	G. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Arizona	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tuscon
Arkansas	Fay Hempsted	Little Rock
California	John Whicher	San Francisco
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford
Delaware	Harry J. Guthrie	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	Frank F. Baker	Macon
Idaho	George E. Knepper	Boise
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	Dave Jackson	Louisville
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland
Maryland	George Cook	Baltimore
Massacheussetts	F. W. Hamilton	Boston
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul
Mississippi	Frederick G. Speed	Vicksburg

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.—Continued.

UNITED STATES—Continued.

Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	E. D. Vanderlieth	Reno
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	Robt. J. Kenworthy	New York
North Carolina	William W. Willson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Ohio	J. H. Bromwell	Cincinnatti
Oklahoma	Wm. N. Anderson	Oklahoma City
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland
Pennsylvania	John A. Perry	Philadelphia
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville
Texas	W. B. Pearson	Waco
Utah	F. A. McCarty	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington
Virginia	Charles A. Nesbitt	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	John M. Collins	Charleston
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	J. M. Lowndes	Lander

OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	Tomas Soley G.	San Jose
Cuba	Felix C. Preval	Havana
Egypt	J. D. Panoyotti	Cairo
Mexico	Cassius C. Shanks	Mexico City
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney
New Zealand	Malcolm Nicol	Christchurch
Phillipine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	Manila
Porto Rico	Jose G. Torres	San Juan
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane
Queensland (un. G.R.E.)	F. Austin Bell	Brisbane
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	C. R. J. Glover	Adelaide
Tasmania	J. Hamilton	Hobart
Victoria	C. J. Barrow	Melbourne
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed	
Alberta	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	Calgary	Sept.	9 1907
British Columbia	Eli Harrison	Victoria	Jan.	9, 1878
Canada	Frederick Cook	Ottawa	Nov.	19, 1915
New Brunswick	Donald Munro	Woodstock	Apl.	20, 1892
Nova Scotia	John A. Munro	River Herbert	July	18, 191
Prince Ed. Island	Charles Doull	Cape Traverse	Mar.	3, 1908
Quebec	W. R. Allen	Montreal	Jan.	14, 1918
Saskatchewan	H. H. Campkin	Regina	June	15, 1907

GREAT BRITAIN

England	E. C. Mulvey	New Barnet	Mar.	1, 1911
Ireland	Rt. Rd. J. B. Crozier	Dublin	Oct.	25, 1898
Scotland	William Lindsay	Edinburgh	Apl.	3, 1903

UNITED STATES

Alabama				
Arizona	R. H. Hethrington	Prescott	Apl.	10, 1901
Arkansas	George T. Black	Pocahontas	Sept.	13, 1911
Colorado	Jethro E. Sanford	Durango	Sept.	10, 1891
Connecticut	David R. Alling	New Haven	Aug.	18, 1902
Delaware	Andrew L. Johnson	Wilmington	Oct.	16, 1895
Dist. of Columbia	Frank B. Curtis	Washington	July	20, 1908
Florida	George B. Glover	Monticello	May	30, 1904
Georgia	J. A. McDonald	Plains	Jan.	19, 1916
Idaho	George M. Scott	Idaho Falls	Jan.	21, 1919
Illinois	Hugh R. Stewart	Chicago	Sept.	10, 1901
Indiana	George W. Snyder	New Albany	Apl.	17 1903
Iowa	G. M. VanLeuven	Osage	Sept.	30, 1885
Kansas	John A. Ferrell	Sedan	Nov.	1, 1911
Louisiana	Augustus M. Mayo	Lake Charles	May	1, 1895
Maine	Albert M. Ames	Stockton Springs	Nov.	24, 1908
Maryland	Charles L. Merriken	Baltimore	Feb.	20, 1911
Michigan	R. P. Anderson	Port Huron	Apl.	1, 1916
Minnesota	H. C. Shepard	St. Paul	Feb.	4, 1893
Mississippi	J. Rice Williams	Houston	Apl.	9, 1912
Missouri	Charles H. Pope	St. Louis	Sept.	19, 1916

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED

UNITED STATES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed	
Montana	Elliott F. Farnham	Butte	Mar.	9, 1915
Nebraska	Elias W. Beghtol	Holdrege	May	7, 1903
Nevada	Alex. O. Percy	Goldhill	July	23, 1910
New Hampshire	H. L. Sanderson	Nashua	Nov.	25, 1910
New Jersey	Charles H. Stiles	Camden	Nov.	23, 1894
New Mexico	J. J. Kelly	Silver City	Mar.	1, 1892
New York	Elmer A. McAllister	Newport	Apl.	9, 1919
North Carolina	Samuel H. Smith	Winston-Salem	May	13, 1891
North Dakota	Gus. B. Metzger	Williston	Sep.	26, 1914
Ohio	Charles L. H. Long	Newark	Oct.	19, 1909
Oklahoma	William J. Oakes	Grant	July	7, 1909
Oregon	William Hobson	Salem	Jan.	24, 1899
Rhode Island	H. L. Carpenter	Providence	Apl.	16 1908
South Carolina	Thomas G. Perrin	Abbeville	Dec.	28, 1914
South Dakota	John A. Cleaver	Huron	Apl.	2, 1902
Tennessee	O. R. Stansberry	Coal Creek	Sept.	10, 1915
Texas	Bert H. Hawkins	Brownwood	Nov.	26, 1917
Utah	Adolph Anderson	Salt Lake City	Sept.	12, 1890
Vermont	E. B. Whittaker	Barre	May	20, 1891
Virginia	Frank Gilmer	Charlottesville	Feb.	8, 1899
Washington	A. E. Emerson	Ellensburg	Dec.	8, 1916
West Virginia	James Luke, Jr.	New Cumberland	Dec.	10, 1898
Wisconsin	John Gill	Milwaukee	July	14, 1899

OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	Joseph Ramsey	San Jose	Sept.	19, 1916
Cuba, Island of	Franc. R. Machado	Havana	Mar.	1, 1913
Egypt	Michal Bay Selah	Cairo	July	4, 1902
Mexico	J. Lynde-Lockwood	Mexico City	Sept.	9, 1909
New South Wales	E. E. Cupit	Sydney	Oct.	13, 1913
New Zealand	Gilbert T. Bull	Gisborne	Oct.	15, 1909
Philippine Islands	Rafael Palma	Manila	Mar.	17, 1919
Porto Rico	George W. Roberts	San Juan	Oct.	1, 1917
Queensland	Charles F. Driver	Brisbane	Aug.	19, 1915
South Australia	J. Major Symons	Adelaide	Jan.	7, 1892
Tasmania	T. W. Fowler	Hobart	Jan.	31 1916
Victoria	W. R. Edwards	Melbourne	Dec.	1, 1903
West'n Australia	R. T. Robinson	Perth	Jan.	7, 1901

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

DOMINION OF CANADA

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed	
Alberta	Albert J. Hatcher	Brandon	June	17, 1910
British Columbia	James Scroggie	Winnipeg	Oct.	6, 1885
Canada	Most Rev. S. P. Matheson	Winnipeg	Mar.	9, 194
New Brunswick	Sidney E. Lang	Winnipeg	July	25, 1918
Nova Scotia	John Wemyss	Neepawa	Jan.	20, 1902
Prince Ed. Island	John J. Jackson	Winnipeg	June	22, 1899
Quebec	J. T. Black	Winnipeg	June	12, 1895
Saskatchewan	Chas. N. Bell	Winnipeg	June	15, 1907

GREAT BRITAIN

England	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg	Nov.	5, 1908
Ireland	Edward M. Walker	Winnipeg	Oct.	8, 1914
Scotland	Wm. G. Bell	Winnipeg	Aug.	5, 1897

UNITED STATES

Alabama	J. S. Armitage	Minnedosa	Dec.	11, 1912
Arizona	Wm. A. Ducker	Winnipeg	June	15, 1907
Arkansas	Roderick McCuaig	Portage la Prairie.	Jan.	5, 1899
Colorado	Herbert L. Rixon	Brandon	Feb.	15, 1916
Connecticut	William J. Major	Winnipeg	Oct.	30, 1917
Delaware	John Coulter	Treherne	Apl.	2, 1915
Dist. of Columbia	G. S. McGregor	Mekiwin	June	20, 1900
Florida	James D. Baine	Winnipeg	May	21, 1897
Georgia	Alex. McIntyre	Winnipeg	June	5, 1914
Idaho	John R. Grant	Winnipeg	July	15, 1910
Illinois	Robert T. Hewitt	Morden	Apl.	8, 1915
Indiana	Alex. Burns	Brandon	Apl.	28, 1913
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June	15, 1914
Louisiana	James J. White	Winnipeg	June	17, 1889
Maine	Robt. S. Thornton	Deloraine	Dec.	20, 1898
Maryland	D. H.McFadden	Emerson	Jan.	5 1899
Michigan				
Minnesota	Thos. W. Taylor	Winnipeg	Dec.	26, 1898
Mississippi	W. R. McConnell	Winnipeg	July	21, 1901
Missouri	R. P. Crookshank	Rapid City	Oct.	30, 1917
Montana	Jas. Johnson	Boissevain	July	29, 1908
Nebraska	H. E. Bletcher	Winnipeg	June	11, 1902
Nevada	E. A. Struthers	Winnipeg	Dec.	11, 1902
New Hampshire	Rev. A. Chisholm	Bield	Dec.	15, 1902

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—Continued

UNITED STATES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	When Appointed
New Jersey	Wm. J. Ptolemy	Winnipeg	Nov. 17, 1885
New Mexico	John Dickson	Brandon	June 17, 1908
New York	John W. Harris	Winnipeg	Jan. 30, 1879
North Carolina	Fred. L. Newman.	Portage la Prairie.	Mar. 22, 1906
North Dakota	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk	Jan. 5, 1899
Ohio	W. C. Copeland	Winnipeg	Jan. 22, 1886
Oklahoma	P. E. Kellett	Winnipeg	May 28, 1914
Oregon	A. L. Young	Souris	Dec. 29, 1898
Rhode Island	Jas. G. Dagg	Winnipeg	Dec. 8, 1894
South Carolina	Wm. A. Windatt	Winnipeg	Mar. 31, 1891
South Dakota	Herbert H. Goulter	Virden	Dec. 1, 1897
Tennessee	J. S. MacEwing	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas	Henry J. Pugh	Brandon	Aprl. 3 1899
Utah	Jos. M. Robinson	Winnipeg	May 16, 1918
Vermont	R. H. Brotherhood	Elkhorn	May 6, 1903
Virginia	Robt. Hill Myers	Winnipeg	Dec. 30, 1898
Washington	J. Malcolm Suttie	Winnipeg	Mar. 19, 1906
West Virginia	William Fenwick	Brandon	Dec. 29, 1898
Wisconsin	John T. Persse	Winnipeg	July 3, 1907

OTHER COUNTRIES

Costa Rica	T. Harry Webb	Winnipeg	Aug. 23, 1902
Cuba, Island of	E. T. Greenway	Crystal City	Mar. 22, 1906
Egypt	William Chambers	Hamiota	June 1, 1906
Mexico	Robt. T. Butchart	Minnedosa	Oct. 21, 1911
New South Wales	Sir D. H. McMillan	Winnipeg	June 24, 1899
New Zealand	Rev. Canon Garton	St. Boniface	June 2, 1906
Philippine Islands	Rev. A. W. Goulding	Holland	Feb. 20, 1915
Porto Rico	Charles D. Kerr	Wawanesa	June 1, 1915
Queensland	William Conner	Morden	Jan. 4, 1917
South Australia	Corbet Locke	Morden	Apl. 2, 1900
Tasmania	William Douglas	Winnipeg	May 17, 1917
Victoria	Peter Duncan	Birtle	June 15, 1907
Western Australia	John Watson	Beausejour	May 15, 1918

APPENDIX

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master,
Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

It has been customary to prepare this Committee's report during the five or six weeks preceding the date of Grand Lodge. Unhappily, when that period arrived this year, the City of Winnipeg found itself in the harsh grip of a general strike, which disrupted business, suspended social and other activities of the citizens, and compelled them to engage themselves in maintaining the necessary utilities of the community. Members of your Committee were employed in such services. It has been impossible, therefore, to complete this report in time for presentation to the annual communication of Grand Lodge. A general desire has been expressed, however, that the report, even in its present incomplete form, should be published. Your Committee are conscious of the deficiencies of the report, but trust that the information compiled may be of some service.

In the preparation of this report, your Committee has adhered to the plan laid down three years ago, which, it is believed, offers opportunity of usefulness to the craft in Manitoba, not attainable through the more extended and diffusive reports quite common elsewhere. We are in agreement with the foreign correspondent of California, who aptly remarks:

"In my judgment the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is matter for home consumption. Nearly 95 per cent. of those who read the report of this Committee on Correspondence are members of California lodges, and it is needless to say they are not vitally interested in the small details that go to make up a very large proportion of the reports of the several States.

"What do Californians care that in Illinois the Grand Lodge opened in ample form; that practically all the Lodges were represented; that forty of the representatives of other jurisdictions were presen; that a cordial welcome was extended to distinguished brethren; that certain distinguished members were present, were introduced, and appreciative responses made; that the printed proceeding is a volume of excellent taste; that the Grand Master, judging from his picture, is a fine-looking fellow, etc.? These matters constitute a third of the space of the report of each of the Grand Jurisdictions."

THE WAR.

During the past year, the Free Masonry of the World, or at least that portion with which we maintain fraternal relations, has been preoccupied with the duties and problems arising from the war. It could not have been otherwise. The impelling call of patriotism, of honor, of justice, and of mercy, forbade that any true citizen of a free country should give first place in his heart to any other purpose while the issue of the contest was still in doubt, least of all Masons who build their temple of humanity on the cornerstone of brotherly love, relief and truth.

Of the Grand Lodge proceedings which fall to be reviewed, quite one-half record the activities and emotions of our Masonic brethren before the signing of the armistice on the 11th of November, 1918. Happily, there is no occasion to dwell at length on these subjects. Rather must we hasten to consider how the peoples of the world, and Masons in particular, are to deal with the turbulent political and social conditions in which peace finds them. The war has established new spiritual and moral values. A complete inventory cannot be made for years, but already certain facts are discernible.

Surely the circumstances of the war have rediscovered for us the essential nobility of man, his high physical courage, his patience and good humor, his capacity for sacrifice, his indifference to personal discomfort and even suffering, his unfailing optimism and cheerfulness, his tenderness to the wounded, to women and children. The pursuits of peace have neither weakened his body nor enfeebled his will. He is still a man in the image of his Maker, "the noblest work of God."

And we have realized the existence of a collective conscience in nations, a moral purpose inherent in many people, a moral sense more deeply implanted and more widely extended than we had thought possible five years ago. The pledged word must be kept; the strong ought to protect the weak; to kill a harmless civilian is murder. Womanhood must be respected even in war.

And the war has thrown the blazing light of Divine Providence on the ancient truth, that God has made of one family all the nations of the earth. As no man liveth unto himself, so no nation can safely isolate itself from its fellows. In the great Brotherhood of Nations, the hurt of one is the hurt of all. In future, no people will disregard the manner of living of their neighbors. Absolutism, superstition, illiteracy—the evil spawn they breed, is carried on the winds and water of the world to every shore and infects all people. To the free nations now in alliance for the protection of our dearly bought liberty, has fallen the task of forming this brotherhood of nations into a beneficent union for the advancement of the race.

The circumstances of the war provided Masonry with ample scope for the exercise of its cherished principles, and there is evidence that everywhere the brotherhood responded to the call of humanity and patriotism. The floodgates of sympathy were opened. A new personal interest was taken in the brethren. It was discovered that many a modest obscure man possessed qualities of heroism never before suspected. Families with brethren overseas were visited and their needs supplied. Christmas hampers carried the message of Good Will. Funds were raised to provide for disabled brethren and the dependents of those who found their last home on the fields of France and Flanders. Military committees maintained correspondence with men overseas, looked after their personal comforts, and forged new and enduring ties of friendship and brotherly love.

Co-operation in these good works has knit together the Masonry not alone of this land, but of all lands allied in the great task of defending freedom. Masonry now possesses a unity such as heretofore did not exist. It is probable also that Masonry enjoys a place in the estimation of the world such as it never held before. War weary, lonely men, longing for the grasp of a friendly hand are reaching out to our Brotherhood. The mystic tie satisfies the great need of mankind today. The war indeed, has brought a revival of applied Masonry with new opportunities for usefulness and new responsibilities.

And never were the nations in greater need of steadying principles, of wise leadership, of sound judgment, of patience and mutual consideration than during the years in which the financial, industrial and social fabric of the world is being reconstructed. Every fakir who offers a panacea for the ills of the world receives an eager hearing. Discarded theories are uncovered, dressed up and held for inspection. Distracted statesmen are savagely attacked as responsible for the general unrest. Civilization itself is threatened.

Speaking while yet Germany hoped to win the war, the Grand Orator of Nebraska, in the course of one of the finest addresses to be found in the year's reports, well expresses the tragedy of Germany's moral and spiritual downfall in these forcible words:

"The home of Luther, that gave the Reformation to the world—the land from which came streams of light and truth for the moral regeneration of mankind—the Fatherland, where Christianity was born anew, and the human race was lifted out of the black shadows of the dark ages—the Holy Land, where Christ appeared again in a new resurrection, to live once more in the hearts and lives of men—this land of precious memories has become a cesspool of iniquity, pouring forth a pestilential volcano of the foulest abominations of hell. Its people have estranged the civilized world, and made a record that will damn the German name through all the coming centuries of history.

"The land of Goethe and Schiller—of Beethoven, Bach and Mendelssohn—the land of poetry and song, whose endearing melodies have lifted up the soul, and cheered the weary heart, and soothed the aching brain, in every hamlet on the globe—this home of harmony and love has become the lair of discords and of rage, whose normal emanation is that satanic snarl called the "Chant of Hate."

"Herein is a challenge we must answer. We must meet this people not only in the battle line of blood and carnage where our boys are hourly giving up their lives; but we must also meet that spirit of Prussianism wherever it may be found, whether in its native haunts of Germany, or in the hearts and minds of those who have brought it to our land. We are summoned into the arena of the human conscience, there to contend for those principles of justice, morality and mercy which we learned at our mother's knee.

"The Germans claim they are only carrying out the 'law of evolution' and 'survival of the fittest.' Well, what is the 'fittest'? What is worthy of 'survival'? Far back, in the early dawn of creation, amid the play of primeval forces, it was the very heyday of the 'super-man.' Life preyed upon life in ceaseless and unrelenting fury. It was an era exactly in accordance with the Prussian ideal. Might was supreme. Mercy was unknown. There was not a place of safety on all the earth; nor in the heavens above; nor in the waters under the earth. It was war to a finish and death to the vanquished."

"The duration of this period of titanic struggle, I do not know. Perhaps a million years. Nature is a painstaking investigator; and she makes a thorough test. She left no experiment untried, and she carried every trial to its ultimate conclusion. Read the story in the rocks, that wondrous tale of mammoths and of mastodons See how she gave huge fins and sinewy forms to dart with incredible swiftness through the water; enormous pinions to speed upon the wings of the wind; and long and massive limbs for flight upon the land. See how she encased the prey in adamantine shells impervious as steel; how she devised the saber tooth and gave it to a tiger, the most ferocious beast of that ferocious age; and how she made huge tusks, a foot thick and ten feet long, and put them on monsters of such gigantic size that they could eat an elephant and hardly know they had a breakfast. Nature was surely striving to fashion a creation of physical omnipotence; and so she piled bone on bone, and muscle on muscle, till she evolved stupendous mountains of flesh and blood.

"Read again the story in the rocks. See how each succeeding age brought forth stronger and more gigantic monsters than all the ages gone before. Where is it all to end? Why, it ended long æons ago. 'God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty.' In the cranium of animals there was a curious substance. It had no muscle, no sinewy cords, no strength. One could crush it with a pinch of the fingers. Can it be possible that, in this apparently useless, spongy stuff there will be found the power to master all the monsters of the earth?

"Read once more the story in the rocks. See from age to age the gradual increase of those creatures with the largest brain, while those without it disappear. Before that intangible, mysterious power, the most gigantic bulk of brawn and bone was helpless as a child. Man appears upon the scene of life and all those monster beasts are gone forever. Has not nature given conclusive demonstration that there is something mightier than physical power? Brute force then is not the fittest to survive and dominate the world."

The Grand Master of California, during the closing days of the war, when victory was in sight, delivered an eloquent prophecy of the time of hope and peril to follow peace:

"Tremendous changes have been wrought on the face of the earth and in the hearts of men. Art and beauty have been destroyed, fair lands ruthlessly devastated, commerce paralyzed, populations enslaved, strong men maimed and crippled and slaughtered, women and children made to weep and suffer and perish, and millions hurried prematurely into the silence and peace of the unknown. But the hearts and souls of men have been lifted up, they have beheld the ecstatic visions of a coming day of righteousness and justice and mercy and peace and brotherhood, and they have found in latent ideals a power and joy and a majesty unspeakable. A fleeting glimpse of the wondrous designs upon the trestle board of the Supreme Grand Master reveals today a high flow in the eternal tides of time—an epoch in the history of mankind—and places our world at the ending of one age and the beginning of a new era. Through God's blessed Providence you and I are privileged to live in this day and permitted to be sentient witnesses of His glorious handiwork in executing the supernal and resplendent plans for widening the foundations of human hope and multiplying the possibilities of eventual excellence. The true unity of the human family has suddenly made itself felt with an undeniable strength and from out the infidelities and insurgencies and wild fightings and brutal cruelties of the ages is emerging a new Europe, a new world of peace and opportunity, in which man immortal, freed from servile attachment to place and master and the fear of lurking enemies and marauding Might, can follow the call of his liberated soul out into God's great sunshine of life and growth and service.

"Through all the centuries has run the wistful yearning for the day when man to man—the world over—shall be as brothers. There can be no real or lasting happiness, no unrestrained gladness, without peace and brotherhood. These are the things man needs most and craves most—he loathes and dreads the onset of race against race, nation against nation, brother against brother, the rivers of innocent blood and the black desolation of endless butchery and hate. The dawn of a new day appears and the ghosts of the wandering people of the past may rejoice, for Freedom has builded a new house and the long quest will soon end in the great glory of that brighter light no darkness can resist.

"Freemasonry was the first of existing human institutions to proclaim the principles for which panoplied and irresistible armies are now contending on the fields of a war-swept world. No longer does it struggle and fight unaided and alone for religious and political freedom and the recognition in laws and institutions and governments of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, but today the most powerful peoples have seized their lighted torch, and with the rallying cry of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, have marched on a new crusade to redeem the world as a holy land and to establish the kingdom of the brotherhood of man and of nations. Their swords avenge the wrongs of the helpless; their cannons speak for those who are voiceless, and their flags float above the land and sea as an assurance alike to tyrants and their victims that the creed of human liberty is not an unmeaning formula, nor the brotherhood of man an empty dream. Freemasonry was first to deny the claim that a king's crown gave to any man a divine right to rule ruthlessly over all other men and to mold their destinies without their consent; the first human organization to recognize and to proclaim that all worthy men should everywhere meet on a common level and stand equal before the law. The battle of democracy against autocracy is essentially Freemasonry's battle; and our institution through the years has seen throne after throne either crumbling or surrendering its powers to the people, and now the last great combat overspreads the earth to free mankind from despotism born of ambition and lust for power and to make possible a universal brotherhood of man.

"I am proud beyond expression of the loyalty, devotion and sacrifice of California Masons. They have put love of country above all save their love of God, and in their hearts and lives sing the song of service. Civilization has not failed ,religion has not been inept, Freemasonry has not been discredited—for out of the welter of war emerges their vindication. Freemasonry has outlived many wars and revolutions and states and will continue to bless mankind long after the ravages of this great strife have been forgotten and its wounds all bound up. Its ministry will not end so long as men need to be made more diligent, prudent, temperate and discreet and their lives blessed with harmony, duty and equilibrium.

"The world will never be again as it was before. This is a time of hope and of perils—in the world there is a deep, unsatisfied longing and hunger. The most stupendous problems that ever confronted a people will meet us when we lay down our victorious arms. Social, civic and economic issues will assume new faces and require the attention of the profoundest wisdom and patience and courage of patriotic Americans. Masonry must be again a guide to statesman and citizen and its principles must be the solvent for the difficulties and dangers of the pregnant hours of stress and readjustment. The tasks of the immediate future are a challenge to every lover of his country and his kind, and a call to every Mason for reconsecration and rededication to his duty. For class bitterness, social unrest, governmental vagaries, national divisions, religious bickerings—other hope there is none save in the spirit of friendship and fairness, of democracy and the fellowship of man with man, of the altar across which men can talk but not fight, discuss but not dispute. If Masonry does not light the unchartered and obscure way of the world, there be those ready and eager to seize her lamp and lead mankind along other and devious paths. God grant that our hearts be attuned to His will, that our minds realize the obligations and responsibilities of our day, and that when we meet again the peace of the world may be restored and the healing of the nations begun.

"We build our future, thought by thought,
Or good or bad, and know it not—
Yet so the universe is wrought.
Thought is another name for fate,
Choose, then, thy destiny, and wait—
For love brings love, and hate brings hate."

More valuable perhaps will be those considered declarations which have been made by wise and eminent Masonic leaders since the struggle ceased in November last. The Grand Master of Alabama looks forward and not back, as every true citizen should, and realizing the problems of peace, endeavors to put us on our guard.

"When we rejoice in the success of our principles, and are proud of the part our country took in the world conflict, let us not forget that there yet remains much to be done, if the world is to get out of the sacrifice a benefit proportionate to the price paid.

"The next twelve months will perhaps be the most dangerous in the history of the world. Men are nerve worn and battle shocked and ready to take without a struggle whatever may seem to be the easiest and the best, and the demagogue and jesuit have a wide and fertile field for operation. It behooves us therefore to keep ever in mind in all our words and acts those principles that actuate us and which are so forcibly taught us here and in our Lodge room. It is our duty now, more than ever before, to attempt to carry into the world the Nine Great Lights of the Master—Veneration, Charity, Generosity, Heroism, Honor, Patriotism, Justice, Toleration and Truth.

"Our duty as citizens and as patriots requires that we be just as unremitting in our efforts as we have been patient, generous and loyal in our support of the Government in the great conflict. The victories of Peace are more important and far-reaching than the victory of Arms. See to it then, my brethren, that there be no let-up in our efforts to render valuable the sacrifices that we have made and to make secure the victory that has been won."

The Grand Master of Louisiana rejoices in the triumph of good over evil as prophetical of a coming milennium.

'Once again we gather in Annual Communication—the one hundred and eighth. How changed the landscape since we last met! Then, though our faith was unwavering as to the ultimate outcome of the world-wide battle being waged in defense of right, freedom and the principles taught by Freemasonry, the world was clouded with a fog of apprehension and uncertainty. Now the vapors are dispersed and we, as Masons, may rejoice that as the forces of Good and Evil in this mundane sphere are ever struggling and striving for supremacy with greater or lesser success, yet it is more and more evident that Evil shall not finally prevail, but that each decade is bringing the world nearer and nearer to a millenium when peace and good-will from man unto men shall prevail forever."

The Grand Master of Ohio believes that Masons have a great part to play in the rebuilding of the life of the country.

"The feeling has grown up in my heart that the war has increased the attachment of men for Masonry, that they have been willing to live more for others and less for themselves, that men have been thinking more about the essentials of life than at other times, that they have found a real joy in performing a real service for some one who had a real need, that this helpful service has opened up avenues of friendships never before dreamed of. To the Mason thus engaged even in the midst of the hardships of war, this period has been the greatest time in his life.

"Masonry is founded upon eternal principles that answer every demand made in either times of peace or times of war, and while we remember the landmarks of Masonry, we shall not forget the landmarks of liberty.

"When a victorious and permanent peace shall finally crown the hard-fought battles of our soldiers, and the day of readjustment shall come to our Nation, as Masons we must fully realize that that day now so eagerly looked forward to is fraught with even mightier problems for the citizen than the days of war, and that loyalty to every high and Masonic principle is required of us that America shall not fail in her hour of supreme testing, and that ofttimes it requires as much self-sacrifice to really and rightfully live for one's country as to die for one's country.

"The shouting and the tumult dies—
The captains and the kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget."

An eloquent Alabama Brother, speaking at the laying of a corner stone of a public building, calls to our minds the fundamental principles of Masonry, the application of which at the present time will assist in solving our difficulties.

"Not only is the Masonic fraternity the oldest fraternity in the world, but it is the first organized effort to dignify labor and exalt the laboring man. First secret society to minister to the poor and needy, first to worship at the shrine of truth, and first to champion the cause of liberty. When princes and lords looked upon the mass of men as mere money-making animals, the Masonic ear heard and understood the saying of Jehovah, 'I will make a man more precious than gold,' and the Order of Freemasonry became the torch bearer in the march back to the mountain summit of man's proper relationship with God and man. In that day of doubt and unbelief, there were men of noble hearts and of heroic mould. Something called to their better nature. Something reminded them of their duty to their fellow man. Something suggested the good of closer relationship, the unity of purpose and higher standards of living and that something was the spirit of the Most High. There were already in existence secret societies of various kinds, but they were founded upon the fallacies of heathen mythology, and in the great plan of things, the time had come for the establishment of a fraternity with God as its definite head, Supreme Ruler and Architect."

Every Mason, every Lodge of Masons, and every Grand Lodge of Masons ought to face squarely and fearlessly the very many vexatious social problems now disturbing the land in the faith that brotherly love, belief and truth must form the corner stone of any new social structure which can endure. It is evident that Masons are generally alive to the opportunity of rendering a distinct patriotic service at this time. No man can be a true Mason who is not first a true citizen.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION.

Many of our American brethren feel that the need of the hour is a greater degree of co-operation, that the Grand Lodges of the United States might have accomplished much more in behalf of their brethren overseas had there existed a common purpose and the means of implementing such purposes. An association has been formed by representatives of a goodly number of Grand Lodges, which is known as the Masonic Service Association of the United States, whose expressed objects are:

"The object of the association shall be the Service of Mankind through education, enlightenment, financial relief and Masonic visitation, particularly in times of disaster and distress, whether caused by war, pestilence, famine, fire, flood, earthquake or other calamity; and presently and immediately ministering to, cherishing, comforting and relieving the members of the Fraternity, their dependents and others engaged in the United States forces, in the present great war, wherever they may be stationed and upon whatever duties engaged in the service. Upon the occurrence of a disaster of greater magnitude than a local calamity, the Grand Masters of the several Grand jurisdictions within the department in which the said disaster shall occur, shall appoint a Committee to survey the need, appraise it, and report forthwith its findings to the department. The department shall thereupon take action on the report of the Committee to the end that the funds necessary shall be provided and properly disbursed.

"The Association may enter into correspondence and affiliation with similar agencies in other lands, or under other governments, the better to teach the Fatherhood of God and promote the brotherhood of man."

In proposing the formation of this Organization, the Grand Master of Iowa referred in the strongest terms of appreciation to the work of the International Bureau of Masonic affairs in Switzerland (which, by the way, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba thoroughly supports), and frankly admitted that the success of the bureau had suggested the present plan to him.

In pleading for practical Masonry which will fulfil the expectations of men who have gone overseas, defied death in every form, and have returned to civil duties, he says:

"Have we stopped to consider that it is this latter class of brethren who will some day soon reënter our councils, and with strident voices, ask us why we did not fulfill our duty toward them? The final effect of it all, what will it be on them? Will they still continue to respect a fraternity too busy shaking its dry bones to meet a living, seething problem, in times like these? If they do continue to respect it, then they will rapidly take their positions in the places of Grand Lodge responsibility, and those who have shirked their duty will get into the Ancient Order of Has-Beens faster than they intended. If on the other hand, they do not find that our fraternity had enough of vitality and real purpose to take its place for the betterment of the boys who went over—for that will be the greatest American Society of Friends and Brothers in a few years—then they will simply drop out of Masonry. They will leave it in contempt for its proven inefficiency and go their ways, not suspended from Masonry for non-payment of dues, but having suspended Masonry from themselves, because it was not worth paying dues for.

"But now I can hear some good brother saying that this is all well enough, but that for me to read an indictment against Freemasonry along these lines is not only out of place, but untrue, misleading and totally forgetting the high aims, ideals, and purposes of Freemasonry, whose degrees no man can pass through without being bettered, etc., etc. To support such a contention means that you believe our fraternity to be made up chiefly of groups of Masonic scholars and students, each vying with the other to understand Masonic symbolism and penetrate the depths of its philosophy. Well, I simply say that it is not so. I think I speak from experience. You have to labor with a Mason, except he be a new initiate, to get him to study Masonry!

"No! To the average Mason—and he numbers 1,790,000 of the 1,800,000—Masonry, while possessing rare beauties of ritual, is a sealed book, so far as the understanding of that ritual is concerned! To him Freemasonry is a fraternity composed of the best fellows on earth, wide in their sympathies and their humanities, good fellows, prosperous fellows, the kind of fellows who are doing things in this world, and therefore the right kind to be associated with. To his mind, the Society of Freemasons has much in common with other societies, and sometimes he is inclined to feel that the benefits of some of the others are more certain.

"Those Masons who have answered their country's call by donning the uniform will come back with the discovery that real religion is the religion of self-sacrifice, and they are going to come back and ask us if Masonry has any of that real religion. The studiously inclined ones will dig into our books. And the more they dig the more they will want to know why all those beautiful principles and precepts never resulted in tangible, concrete expansion for them, while they were on the other side. What French Masons may do for our brethren in khaki may hearten them much—but are they, God bless them, to perform our duty for us?"

Masonry is a progressive science. Its principles are immutable, but their application calls for changing methods. It is in accord with the spirit of the times that Masons should form a voluntary League of Good Works, bringing to a common task the wisdom and strength of the whole. This experiment in co-operative service, if successful, as we believe it will be, may lead to far-reaching results. We have long claimed the universality of Masonry. How better can we demonstrate our common purpose than by union of effort in works of mercy?

MASONRY AND DEMOCRACY.

Every principle which is universal in its application has the flavor of modernity. Truth is ever fresh, invigorating and vitalizing. The pages of Aristotle or Shakespeare contribute thoughts which will assist to solve the problems of the present day. Masonry is the expression of the feelings of thoughtful and wise men on the mysteries of life and death. Masonry absorbed through the centuries the experience and reflections of a class of men peculiarly fitted to formulate a philosophy of life. The master who designed the fellowcraft who wrought, and the apprentice who labored on those wondrous Gothic temples erected to the glory of the Most High in Northern Europe, the pride and despair of Architects, could not fail to brood over man's great destiny. As the noble structures rose under their steady coordinated efforts a sense of wonder and reverence pervaded their souls, life took on a new and fateful meaning, mysteriously related to some high purpose of the Great Architect.

The builder's art is a noble art, perhaps the noblest exercised by man. It is the expression of man's highest aspiration, the reflection of his inmost soul, the representation of the mighty laws of the moral world. It is through no chance that the analogy of the builder has been drawn upon to illustrate the growth of character. The progress of the church, or even the nature of the life beyond the grave. "Thou art Peter and upon this Rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," said the Master. Do we not all seek that city which is an heavenly whose builder and maker is God. Paul uses the same analogy: Ye "are built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord."

John Ruskin assures us "Every form of noble architecture is in some sort the embodiment of the polity, life, history and religious faith of nations." In his Seven Lamps of Architecture this great critic and teacher names as the life-giving principles of the art, Sacrifice, Truth, Power, Beauty, Life, Memory, Obedience. To quote again from John Ruskin, speaking of the nature and relations of the human soul as illustrated in the material creation and that things are noble or ignoble, in proportion to the fulness of life they enjoy, he says: "And this is especially true of all objects which bear upon them the impress of the highest order of creative life, that is to say, of the mind of man. They become noble or ignoble in proportion to the amount of the energy of that mind which has visibly been employed upon them. But most peculiarly and imperatively does the rule hold with respect to the creations of architecture which being properly capable of no other life than this, and being not essentially composed of things pleasant in themselves—as music of sweet sound or painting of fair colors but an inert substance—depend for their dignity and pleasurableness in the utmost degree upon the vivid expression of the intellectual life which has been concerned in their production."

In a forceful and timely address, the whole of which is worthy of reproduction if space permitted, Bro. W. L. Huggins reminds his brethren of Kansas of the character and purposes of the founders of Masonry. He dwells on their devotion to the principles of democracy and proceeds to point out in emphatic but needful language, the duty of the craft in these disturbed times.

"Masonry has no place in partisan politics. Masonry does not even stand committed to any particular form of government. But year after year, decade after decade, century after century, Masonry, behind its closed doors, guarded by the Tyler's sword, in the most solemn and impressive manner has taught its votaries the sublime principles upon which democracy is founded—the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the dignity of labor, the reward of the faithful. It has counselled men to meet upon the level of equality, to act by the plumb of rectitude, and to part upon the square of virtue. It has taught dependence upon God, reverence for His holy word, charity toward all mankind, and patriotic loyalty to the constituted government. Masonry develops men of high character, and these men put the principles of Masonry in close touch with the great masses of the citizenship of every country in which Masonry exists. These men, because of their lofty character and pure motives, have not submitted and will never submit to tyranny and oppression, whether from Church or from State. And so it is, my brethren, without boasting, we may say that in every great struggle for liberty Masons have been among the leaders of the hosts of democracy. And so we may also truthfully say that in the everyday affairs of life, while public sentiment was being formed and crystallized, our Masonic brethren have ever exercised a quiet but powerful influence in favor of liberty and law."

"You may take the map of the modern world and note those countries in which democracy flourishes, and you will find that in practically all of them Masonry also flourishes; but more significant yet is the indisputable fact that Masonry has been the pioneer. Masonry has been firmly established long before democracy has arrived. Without undue egotism, we may declare that Masonry, by the good which it has accomplished, has fully justified itself before the world."

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"Our work is not finished. Our Masonic column must not be broken. The hideous savagery of military despotism has indeed been subdued; but scarcely had the horrors of battle ceased when the newer, and I fear greater struggle for Democracy began—the bitter contrast with radical Socialism, Bolshevism, Anarchy. The liberty-loving nations have expended untold and immeasurable wealth and have sacrificed many millions of their bravest manhood in the holy war to rid the world of despotism. Yet all will admit that civilization has steadily advanced even under despotic governments, notwithstanding the many crimes of autocracy. Great institutions of learning have been firmly established; emperors and kings have been enthusiastic and consistent patrons of the arts and sciences; the most magnificent buildings have been erected; the most beautiful pictures have been painted; the most heavenly music has been given to the world; the most inspiring poems have been written, and literature and religion have flourished to enlighten and ennoble the race—all under the influence and by the encouragement and support of autocratic institutions. On the other hand, radical socialism, now known as bolshevism, wherever and whenever it has attained power, has retarded or destroyed civilization. It has developed the worst forms of tyrrany and oppression. It has scoffed religion and desecrated shrines and sanctuaries; it has smothered human genius and prevented natural progress in the arts and sciences; it has no literature worthy of the name; it has accomplished no permanent good, except as it has served as a horrible example; but on the contrary its ascendency has always resulted in the unbridling of the basest passions of men and in the wholesale crimes of arson, robbery, theft, rapine and murder. It has ever been and is now the implacable foe of all that Masonry teaches and that Masons hold dear. The reign of terror in Russia today is no novel phase of rule by the forces and ideas of socialism; it is typical. Relentless war between bolshevism and democracy is inevitable. It may be in the Anglo-Saxon countries—we believe it will be—a bloodless war; but in any event the battle is on."

The same idea influences the remarks of the Grand Master of New York, who expresses the idea thus:

"The doctrine of the indefeasible dignity of the toiler is logically one with the doctrine of the brotherhood of man. This idea had been growing in men's minds since the days of the Hebrew prophets, since the 'Republic' of Plato, since the ethical philosophy of Seneca and Socrates, since the Sermon on the Mount. Like a solution of gold, it had been gradually settling into fixed forms of thought. Freemasonry was one of those fixed forms. Within the friendly shelter of the Masonic Lodge, high and low, rich and poor, met together as equals. The architect of the cathedral and the humble men who cut and laid the stones of which the noble temple was built clasped hands before the altar on which reposed the Holy Bible and the symbols of the builder's craft. When Charles I. asked the officer who came to arrest him to show him his warrant for the proceeding, the captain pointed through the window to a regiment of soldiers in the open square before the palace. Charles I. was no fool. He saw behind that regiment the people of the realm, and smiling he bowed, saying, 'I see: it is writ large.' Innumerable hands had written that warrant, and not a few of them were hands of men who had been taught, among the mysteries of their craft, that civil government derives its power under God from the consent of the governed. Democracy is of the very essence of Freemasonry, which fact explains the exclusion of Freemasonry from Austria and from Russia under the old regime."

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

The wave of patriotic feeling which swept through the country on the outbreak of war levelled party politics. Each problem that presented itself became a national one. The safety of the state was in jeopardy. Masonic Lodges felt this influence. A wider horizon of interest and activity has appeared to them, and many Lodges do not wish to return to the restrictions of former days. The reconstruction period is a perilous one. The widespread social and industrial unrest forms a fruitful soil for the evil growth of Bolshevism. Upon the wise handling of our political and industrial leaders of such problems as the treatment of the returned men, of the relations of employer and employee, of the incidence of taxation, of the education of our immigrants, depends our future welfare as a state. In times of crises, no citizen of the democracy can justify the placing of so great a burden on elected representatives. All true citizens will then come to the assistance of our public men.

Speaking while yet the war was in progress, the grand orator of Minnesota said:

"It is a matter of personal regret to me that our Blue Lodges, as Masonic institutions, cannot or do not take a more prominent part in matters vital to our communities, or to our country. The Blue Lodge stands, upon principle, for everything that is good and is opposed to everything which is bad; yet my personal belief is that, as an institution, it does all too little in a public way; that it should not be content merely to impress its principles upon its members and, through them, exert its influence for good, but that it should itself take its place as a direct and open advocate of its principles, striving to directly impress them upon all the world. However, our conservatism is the result of centuries of conservatism, and no one can expect any such change as I hope for to be brought about in any manner other than the most gradual. So we cannot expect that Masonic institutions, as such, can take any prominent part in the conduct of the war or in the adjustment of conditions which obtain when the war is over. But, as individual Masons, if we are true Masons, if we believe in the lessons which are taught us in our Lodges, we, every man of us from the youngest Entered Apprentice in the northeast corner of the Lodge to the Master, must do everything in our power to support our country during the war and until it is brought to a successful conclusion."

The Grand Orator of California is convinced that the urgency of these important questions demands that they be dealt with by Masons:

"And are you going to be satisfied as Masons to go on in just the same way that you have gone heretofore? I do not believe that there is a Mason in this Grand Lodge this morning that will be satisfied after the war is over to drop back to the same kind of staid routine that characterized the average Masonic Lodge before the conflict began. And I want to say to you, Brethren, that in the reconstruction period there will be a great burden laid upon Masonry. No, I will change that, and say not particularly a burden, but a great privilege and a great responsibility will be laid upon Masonry, because in the last analysis our Masonic brethren are a choice selection of men—they are the pick of their several communities—they are the men who by virtue of their moral qualities, by virtue of their love of humanity, by virtue of their training within and without the Masonic Lodge, stand out above and beyond the average man of the community. They have seen a vision, and if they have not seen the vision then they have never been brought to Masonic light, and in the seeing of that vision they have come to realize that they are concerned with the welfare of their brethren; and I want to say to you, Brethren, that while I agree with the Grand Master's statement of this morning that the Masonic fraternity is not organized for social service, I do want to say to you that a Masonic Lodge is not measuring up to the full measure of its opportunity and responsibility unless in that Lodge it educates its membership to a large social service. And I want to say to you—and it is with a deep regret that it has to be said—that I do not believe our Masonic Lodges in the past have accepted the opportunity that has been offered them for education in this broad direction, and if we do not in the days that are to come devise ways and means and adopt plans and methods whereby we may do this type of work, then we will be derelict in the duty we owe to our nation, and we will fall short of the duty we owe to ourselves as men and as Masons.

"Now the question naturally comes up, "What can we do?" and I believe that it is more a matter of the lack of method or a programme rather than a disinclination to accept the duty of the hour. And just by way of suggestion, I might say that many questions of public importance and public moment are interesting to Masons. In your Masonic Lodges, through the instrumentality of a Masonic brother who has informed himself and who can speak with authority upon a given subject, why not have him come and tell you Masons, met in a Masonic Lodge, the truth or the reasons or the idea back of a public movement? Incidentally we are going to vote on some twenty-five or more amendments to our State Constitution next month. Why would it not be a good idea for every Master of a subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to have in his Lodge not a discussion, but an explanation of those amendments, what they mean to the people, why they are proposed, what condition they intend to correct, or what condition they intend to create, so that our Masons may go out and be thereby more intelligent citizens? I just offer that as one suggestion.

"There is another thing, Brethren, that I believe it is time the Masonic fraternity took a larger interest in. We believe in education. We came into our Masonic Lodges that we might receive light, Masonic light. We were fitted to receive that type of light that is given in a Masonic Lodge by an elementary education, and I believe that the time has come when Masons, not necessarily Masonic Lodges—because the Masonic Lodge, our Grand Master has said, is not organized for that purpose; but the time has come when Masons must interest themselves more particularly in the elementary education of their children than heretofore. If I were to ask all the Brethren present this morning to stand who believed honestly and sincerely in the public school, each and every one of you would be on your feet in an instant, and you would say that the public school is the bulwark of the nation—and it is. But if I were to ask you how many of you knew anything about your public schools, how many of you were acquainted with the principals of the school to which your children went, how many of you even could recall the names of the teachers that were daily giving your children instruction, I dare say that but few of you would be on your feet."

The welfare of the state, which is the common life of all, is paramount. There is a growing sentiment in Manitoba that any movement which threatens that common life is a proper subject for treatment in the Masonic Lodge.

MASONIC RESEARCH.

There is observable a note of discouragement in the reports of some committees on Masonic Research. The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake does not make an irresistible appeal to the brethren. Instruction must be given in sugar-coated doses. The Grand Master of Michigan wants more readable Masonic literature:

"Masonic authors are accustomed to complain bitterly that Masons will not read Masonic books and publications and have little knowledge of or interest in the history, symbolism and philosophy of the institution. While the condition is existant and deplorable, the brethren are not entirely to blame. Most Masonic books and articles are profound and unmeaning, or dry and uninteresting, or grandiloquent and inexact. Many writers, particularly those who complain, have not generally appreciated the idea that great thoughts may be plainly stated, facts may be clothed in pleasing garb, and fine language and truth are not inseparable. Masonic periodicals such as the Tyler-Keystone and the Builder have recognized the idea and increasing circulation attests the interest of the rethren. My own experience has been that the brethren everywhere are greedy for Masonic knowledge and information, if clearly presented. The trouble lies largely in the fact that they have received little instruction, other than ritualistic, and have not learned of the wide realm of delightful and instructive information Masonry possesses."

A special Committee of the Grand Lodge of Colorado is more definite in its analysis of the situation:

"It appears from observation that the period of Masonic life, when the desire for light is the most intense, is at the time immediately following the taking of the degrees. Crowded by the duties of gaining a livelihood, this interest in Masonic study becomes obtunded as years advance. To get this interest of members fixed in the study of Masonry is the great object of Masonic teaching. It is not reasonable to assume that all Master Masons can be filled with a sudden desire to go to school; therefore, an interesting, thoroughly practical and not too pretentious programme must be adopted.

"Master Masons can be divided into three classes: First, the individual student who has the time and inclination to pursue serious study, prompted by a sincere desire for more light. Second: The members who can be aroused to sufficient interest to take part in and support a study movement. Third: The indifferent member who will listen to what he hears, but will take no part in the plan or evince any interest.

"It would seem that, in view of the foregoing, the best plan for starting this movement would be to have sets of lectures compiled by competent writers of our own or other Jurisdictions, and that these lectures be, so far as is practicable, illustrated with lantern slides, and that each lecture be furnished with references to standard and recognized Masonic books, so that any of the brethren desiring may read up on the subject and a full discussion may be had if desired.

"And that the Grand Lodge maintain a library and have as a part thereof, a regular lending library, so that each Lodge may obtain, in addition to the lecture and illustrative slides, the use of such books as may be referred to in the lecture and be allowed the use of these for a limited period of time, and that the only expense that the Lodge be put to be the transportation both ways."

A lively interest in the history and traditions of Masonry will perhaps be limited in each Lodge to a small company of men, but these brethren will become leaders of the collective thought of the Lodge and the inspiration of its most beneficent work.

Their influence will appear alike in the ritual work of the officers and in the activities of the Lodge. And perhaps a Gould will spring out of such a group and contribute undying literature to his Masonic home.

MASONIC SYMBOLISM.

The childhood of the race was the age of wonder. Men became conscious of the marvel of the universe and his own romantic destiny. As he witnessed with awe the play of natural law he began to conceive of a greater and governing Power above and beyond the sun. And fashioning his dwelling with the rude tools he had designed, he attached spiritual values to certain forms such as squares and circles, and carved imprints of these forms on his work. And so in the very dawn of civilization symbolism was born. Symbolism was older than Masonry and yet so interwoven are they that they now form one design. The ancient quaint symbolism thus preserved to the present sophisticated generation bears a message of faith and hope well worthy of our interpretation.

The Grand Master of Michigan does well to draw our attention to our great heritage of symbolism. One desires to reprint the whole of his admirable address but must restrain himself.

"The ritualism of Masonry is truly a wonderful thing. Simple in its dignity and with no striving for dramatic effect, its power is so intense that, when even fairly rendered, levity is impossible and the initiate is consciously impressed with a serious grandeur. With such possibilities of histrionic expression that the great Booth pronounced the third degree the greatest tragedy ever written, even the Master who mouths his words and misconceives his emphasis cannot entirely destroy its beauty. So distinctive is it in its character that ten consecutive words from it cannot be used in the press, on the rostrum or in conversation without practically every Mason recognizing them; so quaint is its context that its antiquity is instantly impressed on the hearer; so tuneful is its rhythm that it rivals the stately measure of poetry; so natural in its movements and so devoid of resraint that its force is felt at first subconsciously but the words often spoken always convey a new idea; and withal, so lofty in its principles and so true its precepts that it is not a wonder some men make Masonry their religion.

"Yet the ritual is not all there is to Masonry. Underlying the ritual, there is a symbolism which attaches to each form and rite and ceremony a significance not before known. From the forgotten past of the Ancient Mysteries, it bring the magic of the dead art of symbolic teaching and transfigures the commonplace. It transforms the Lodge room into a world and the candidate into an unborn child. It depicts the building of a perfect life. It portrays the child born into the world, burdened with the cable-tow of inherited tendencies. It points to a belief in Diety as the first essential to his development. With solemn ceremonies, he is purified and consecrated, the evils of his inheritance fall from him, the light of knowledge floods him, and he is invested with purity and innocence. To build the foundation and strong walls of the temple of his character, he is given the working tools of the Entered Apprentice and, as each rite is performed and each emblem passes before his vision, he learns to employ his time and to divest his mind and conscience of vice and the things that hurt.

"Having builded the walls of his character, he is taught as a Fellowcraft, by the use of his physical senses and the contemplation of a mind enriched by a study of all the liberal arts and sciences, to adorn the temple with the pillars of culture and mental strength. And finally, as a Master Mason, the symbols impress upon him the certainty of death and the resurrection that there may be within the house he has builded a living presence conscious of Immortality and that its various halls and corridors and chambers and apartments may be the home of an enlightened soul."

HISTORY OF LODGES.

Progress in the compilation of the history of individual Lodges is recorded by some jurisdictions. It cannot be said, however, that any very great enthusiasm for the subject is discernable anywhere. The Grand Historian of British Columbia expresses regret that officers of Lodges are not more diligent in supplying details of the founding of their Lodges. He gives an interesting synopsis of the history of certain Lodges, particularly of Victoria-Columbia No. 1, at Victoria. It appears that Victoria Lodge No. 1085 was constituted under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of England, on the 19th March, 1859, and worked under that charter until March, 1872, when it became No. 1 on the register of the newly-formed Grand Lodge of British Columbia, subsequently uniting with British Columbia Lodge No. 1167 under the present name. This is the first Masonic Lodge formed in Canada west of the Great Lakes. Long may Victoria-Columbia No. 1 continue to display the light of Masonry on Canada's western coast.

The Librarian of Kansas offers a few practical suggestions to Lodges neglecting their duty in this respect:

"One year ago it was reported by your Grand Secretary that specially arranged cases had been provided for all Lodges to file therein everything of historical value, so that a complete history of each Lodge could eventually be written, and when so prepared will be of inestimable value to the Craft. The work of gathering such memorabilia was commenced by the Grand Secretary five years ago, and such as was received has been carefully filed under the number of the respective Lodge in these cases.

"While many of our Lodges complied with the request of the Grand Secretary, yet many of them have given the matter no attention whatever, and the particular compartment assigned to them in the beautiful Grand Lodge Building remains vacant. This condition should not exist, and it is earnestly hoped that every representative at this Communication of the Grand Lodge will go home with a determination to see that his Lodge, if they have not already done so, furnishes at once the information requested by the Grand Secretary on a prepared blank, copies of which have been furnished all Lodges from time to time; also by-laws, historical sketches, pictures both interior and exterior of the present Lodge quarters, together with pictures, if possible, of the halls formerly occupied by any of the Lodges, giving dates when so occupied; any programmes of special meetings held by the Lodges, and all other matter of this kind which at present may seem to be of little or no value, but will eventually be of great importance to the particular Lodge.

"It is therefore most earnestly hoped that this matter will not be passed with indifference, but receive the immediate attention of all the Lodges which up to the present time have paid no attention to the requests of the Grand Secretary. It is hoped hat even the Lodges which have already contributed will continue to gather matter of an historical nature, as well as any programmes, etc., issued from time to time, and send them in to be added to that which has already been placed on file."

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

To those brethren who have entertained speculations on the purpose of a Grand Lodge Library we commend the report of the "Librarian in Charge" of the Library and Museum of our neighbors in North Dakota, a lady, by the way. The report is altogether admirable in form and rich in content. Dakotans possess their library, or at least some of them do. For example, 115 brethren in Fargo received books from the Library during the year. If a volume were endowed with speech, how it would protest against a life spent in idleness and solitude on the shelf of the librarian. And how the soul of a well-thumbed companionable book must rejoice at the suggestion and inspiration it has communicated to many minds, the friendships it has made, the mission it has accomplished. Conan Doyle says of his books: "There is not a tattered cover which does not bring its mellow "memories to me."

But let the North Dakota librarian tell her own story, in part, at least:

"Just as every other department has been affected in its work by the war, so has the character of work in the library quite radically changed this last year. With the greatly increased demands made upon the brethren in connection with all phases of war work, has come a slight decrease in the number of Masonic books circulated. At the same time, however, there has been a notable increase in the circulation of books which deal with the vital problesm of the day, such as international law, government, sociology, political science, etc., and especially in connection with European history, both past and present. We trust and believe that this has not been without its very important effect in bringing many of our people to a clearer understanding of the newer ideals now before us. It has been well said by Mr. A. H. Clark,—'The spirit of Masonry has not failed but is being more demonstrated each day and the great fraternity of nations which is now taking place is only typical of the spirit of fraternity which Masonry teaches.' With this in mind we ask your attention to the following statistics which give in detail the record of our work with the public, and trust that you will feel that the spirit of brotherhood may have come a little more clearly before the minds of our readers as a result of this winter's work.

"Table 1. Number of books circulated, by classes.

Masonic history and symbolism	107
Masonic jurisprudence	12
Masonic literature, essays, etc.	4
Masonic social service	2
Woman in Masonry; O. E. S.	3
General reference books	22
Philosophy	60
Religion	15
Sociology	143
Law	11
Government	46
Associations; secret societies	18
Education	13
Folklore	14
Philology	2
Natural sciences	21
Fine arts	22
Literature	28
History and travel	387
Biography	24
Total	954

A D.D.G.M'S REPORT.

The average D.D.G.M's report is stale and unprofitable. It is usually a wearisome repetition of trivial details without color and without a moral. From South Carolina comes a District Deputy's report as unexpectedly refreshing as it is novel and instructive:

"We have now to mention a subject that we deem of Masonic interest. We trust we will not be deemed presumptuous. For many years our attention has been engaged with the subject of ethnology, the study of the Aborigines of North America. About the year 1890, I was struck with the description of an Indian mound located in 'Caldwell County, N.C.,' the excavator being Dr. Spainhour, of Lenoir, N.C., who was working under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D.C. Under that mound, whose age, computed by the natural surroundings, extended several centuries back of the white man's advent here, was found a Symbolic Masonic Lodge. A pit in the form of an oblong square 8 feet deep, facing due east and west, had been dug in the ground. In the south, west, and east were earth altars on platforms of one, two, and three steps, respectively. Behind these altars on a seat was the skeleton of a man sitting on a seat cut in the earth. On the top of each altar was a flat stone on which were several stone objects. There was no altar or any other object in the north side of the enclosure. In the centre was an altar on which was a beautifully polished flat stone, and on it was the remains of a fire in place of the Great light. As primitive man had no book of revelation, from whence did they derive this light?

"It has been the pleasure of the District Deputy, with Brother Charles F. Schwing, of Greenville, to make a number of interesting investigations of Indian mounds, graves and village sites during the past year. We have found a number of stone objects that present a fascinating study for the archaeologist. Some of them, to say the least, present a remarkable series of coincidences to an intelligent Free Mason. For instance, in the course of the last 40 years, I have found at intervals and in various localities, on Indian village sites, a peculiar stone object, the use of which I had not been able to fathom. Perhaps I have a dozen of them, similar in shape, size and material. A short while ago, while pondering over the subject, I noticed that they were five-sided or five-pointed, when suddenly it flashed upon my mind, this is the Greek Pentagon, the symbol of our Ancient Brother Pythagoras, "The Seal of Solomon." I am aware that Mackey's late edition of his encyclopedia of Masonic terms, makes the claim that the Seal of Solomon was six-pointed, but other distinguished Masonic writers disagree with him. and present most convincing arguments in favor of the "Pentagon." In sending a description of one of these objects to the department at Washington, without making our own convictions known, we asked for the expert opinion of the savants there on the matter. A reply was received to the effect that the department was un-familiar with an object of that kind, but that it was undoubtedly used in the mysteries practiced by the Indians.

"Several weeks ago, Mr. Schwing excavated a large mound in the upper part of Greenville county. It was our lot to be present. This mound was 100 feet in diameter, by eighteen feet in height. It was built up in six layers, alternately of earth and ashes. In the ashes were bones of deer and birds, fragments of rush matting and sections of cane. All of this immense mass of earth and ashes rested on a platform of burnt clay one foot thick. Near the centre toward the west were three holes 8 inches in diameter, extending from the burnt clay platform upward some 8 feet. To the southeast were two more holes of the same dimension. The three holes first mentioned were in a triangular form. These holes were all of them moulded by stakes or pillars of wood which had long since in the centuries past gone to decay. Now, then, is it too much of a stretch of the imagination to fancy that the burnt clay platform was a crude representation of the Masonic pavement, that the 3 holes arranged in triangular form, represented the three lesser lights or tapers, while the two holes in the southeast contained the famous "pillars," copies of those that once stood before the door of Solomon's prch in the temple?

"It is a well-known historical fact that when the American continent was first discovered, some of the early voyagers who fell into the hands of hostile Indians escaped being burned at the stake by giving the Mystic sign known to the Craftsmen, and were afterwards told by their captors, the deliverance was because they were taught their mysteries, that the life of the man who made such signs must be respected. The above are a few of the things we are finding in our investigations as we go about the District."

LODGE FEES AND DUES.

A committee of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska has made an inquiry into the prevailing rates of fees and dues in that state and their effect upon the activities of the Lodges. The committee submits an analysis of the facts secured, which are enlightening and suggestive. A similar bit of work might very usefully be done in every jurisdiction. Over one-half of the Lodges in Nebraska have fixed their annual dues at less than $4.00 (some as low as $1.50), the average for the entire State being $3.58. It is also found that over one-half of the Lodges provide nothing for charity. The relationship between inadequate dues and neglect of the Masonic duty of charity is clear.

The Committee recommends that the dues in all Lodges be fixed at not less than $4.00 per annum, of which $1.00 should be set apart for charitable purposes. Grand Lodge was not prepared to approve of such a radical measure and ordered the proposal carried over until next year. A mere recital of the facts should induce heart searching and lead to reform even if legislation be not invoked. A red blooded man will respond to an appeal to do something worth while. Increase the dues from $1.50 to $5.00 and a member will become interested in the Lodge's policy and will attend its meetings. Nebraska is to be commended for courage in dealing with a subject of vital interest to the craft everywhere.

The same Committee found that half a dozen Lodges in Nebraska, each possess a membership of over 700, that considerable rivalry exists amongst these Lodges to secure the largest membership in the jurisdiction, that officers are devoting their time and energy to conferring degrees, and that better Masonic work is being done by smaller Lodges. These latter offer more opportunities for fraternal intercourse and Masonic preferment. Degrees are more impressive and the work of the Lodge has better attention. The Committee recommend that Lodge membership be restricted to 400. This recommendation was likewise laid over for one year. Questioning the usefulness of a large Lodge is not a new form of criticism, and it is likely to develop feeling. It would appear that the dead weight of a large Lodge is difficult to carry, that its successful conduct calls for greater gifts of leadership than the officers of ordinary Lodges possess, and the members are apt to regard the securing of new members as a worthy accomplishment in itself.

CHARGE IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Saskatchewan has followed Ontario in amending that portion of the charge enjoining upon the newly initiated candidate allegiance to the Sovereign of his native land, the words: "And above all by never losing sight of that allegiance which you owe to the sovereign of your native land, ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derive your birth and early nurturing," has been expunged and the following substituted therefor: "Ever remembering that as a Mason you are expected to live and act in such a manner as to fulfil the duties of a good citizen and thereby set an example for others to emulate."

And so we find the influence of German perfidy in our Masonic ritual.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. CROSSIN,
Chairman.

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